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# CONNECTICUT LABOR SITUATION

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Employment increased to its highest level since June, unemployment continued to decline and personal income and weekly wages set record high levels during October, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Employment in non-farm jobs was estimated at 1,405,430, up from 1,403,360 in September (Page 2), and the highest since last June. Gains of more than 3,000 jobs in nonmanufacturing were partly offset by a decline of nearly 1,000 employees in manufacturing industries. Nonmanufacturing employment increases were centered in service and government, due in part to hirings of support staff in educational systems after the summer recess.

A record $301.29 was reached in the average weekly pay of manufacturing production workers, with hourly earnings up by six cents to $7.26 for a slightly longer workweek of 41.5 hours. In October 1979, earnings were $279.36 at $6.62 per hour for a 42.2-hour week (Page 3). Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour week basis, earnings this October would have been $279.20 at $6.98, up 10.4 percent from $252.80 weekly and $6.32 hourly last year. The highest worker earnings were in Ansonia at $329.60 per week, followed by Hartford, $324.59; Bristol, $323.08; Middletown, $316.31; Bridgeport, $315.23; Norwalk, $313.69 and New Britain, $310.06 (Page 6).

Unemployment: Unemployment at 90,200 or 5.6 percent in October compared with the September level of 93,100 or 5.8 percent. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 6.2 percent also remained well below the national figure of 7.6. Ten labor market areas recorded lower unemployment, five others had increases and one remained unchanged (Page 4). Included in the unemployment estimates were those persons receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits had expired and people entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Personal income of state residents continued its long-term trend, reaching a new monthly high. New auto registrations, the average workweek and manufacturing output improved, and initial (new) claims for unemployment benefits declined in October on a seasonally adjusted basis (Page 7).

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# CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

October 1980

| | Oct. 1980 | Sept. 1980 | Oct. (R) 1979 | % Change Oct. '80 over Sept. '80 | % Change Oct. '80 over Oct. '79 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Nonag. Employment..... | 1,405,430* | 1,403,360* | 1,414,720* | + 0.1 | - 0.7 |
| Manufacturing..... | 425,720* | 426,660* | 435,160* | - 0.2 | - 2.2 |
| Metallic Manufacturing.. | 311,740* | 312,190* | 315,850* | - 0.1 | - 1.3 |
| Primary Metals..... | 18,070* | 18,640 | 21,940 | - 3.1 | - 17.6 |
| Fabricated Metals..... | 61,060* | 61,230 | 65,210* | - 0.3 | - 6.4 |
| Machinery, Ex. Elec... | 61,590 | 61,090 | 61,760 | + 0.8 | - 0.2 |
| Electrical Equipment.. | 46,730 | 46,820 | 49,540 | - 0.2 | - 5.7 |
| Transp. Equip..... | 91,400 | 91,640* | 85,140* | - 0.3 | + 7.4 |
| Instruments & Clocks.. | 24,880 | 24,780 | 23,940 | + 0.4 | + 3.9 |
| Other Metallic Mfg.... | 8,010 | 7,990 | 8,320 | + 0.2 | - 3.7 |
| Nonmetallic Mfg..... | 113,980* | 114,470* | 119,310* | - 0.4 | - 4.7 |
| Food..... | 12,320 | 12,220 | 12,790 | + 0.8 | - 3.7 |
| Textiles..... | 7,520 | 7,580 | 9,130 | - 0.8 | - 17.6 |
| Apparel..... | 10,990 | 10,830 | 11,490 | + 1.5 | - 4.3 |
| Furniture & Lumber.... | 6,820 | 6,830 | 6,840 | - 0.2 | - 0.3 |
| Paper..... | 9,260 | 9,140 | 9,140 | + 1.3 | + 1.3 |
| Printing & Publishing. | 23,970* | 24,050* | 24,290* | - 0.3 | - 1.3 |
| Chemicals..... | 17,630 | 17,840 | 17,340 | - 1.2 | + 1.7 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plast.. | 12,250* | 12,550* | 13,840 | - 2.4 | - 11.5 |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg. | 13,220 | 13,430 | 14,450 | - 1.6 | - 8.5 |
| Nonmanufacturing..... | 979,710* | 976,700* | 978,560* | + 0.3 | + 0.1 |
| Construction..... | 50,310* | 50,120 | 55,510* | + 0.4 | - 9.4 |
| Transportation (Inc.R.R.) | 33,620 | 33,400 | 34,850 | + 0.7 | - 3.5 |
| Communications..... | 17,840 | 17,660 | 17,220 | + 1.0 | + 3.6 |
| Utilities..... | 10,890 | 10,940 | 11,140 | - 0.5 | - 2.2 |
| Trade..... | 301,960* | 302,310* | 302,040* | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Wholesale..... | 75,760* | 75,640* | 73,980* | + 0.2 | + 2.4 |
| Retail..... | 159,300 | 157,970 | 160,870* | + 0.8 | - 1.0 |
| Restaurants..... | 66,900 | 68,700 | 67,190 | - 2.6 | - 0.4 |
| Finance & Real Estate..... | 45,070 | 45,370 | 43,880 | - 0.7 | + 2.7 |
| Insurance..... | 58,020 | 58,050 | 56,440 | - 0.1 | + 2.8 |
| Service..... | 281,120 | 279,300* | 278,610* | + 0.6 | + 0.9 |
| Hotels..... | 6,460 | 6,860 | 7,070 | - 5.8 | - 8.6 |
| Laundries & Pers.Serv... | 13,970 | 13,860 | 14,370 | + 0.8 | - 2.8 |
| Health Services..... | 93,250 | 92,750* | 90,950* | + 0.5 | + 2.5 |
| Law & Professional..... | 19,500 | 19,320 | 18,710 | + 0.9 | + 4.2 |
| Other Services..... | 147,940 | 146,510 | 147,510 | + 1.0 | + 0.3 |
| Government..... | 180,880 | 179,550 | 179,870 | + 0.7 | + 0.6 |
| Federal..... | 21,900 | 23,700 | 21,270 | - 7.6 | + 3.0 |
| State & Local..... | 158,980 | 155,850 | 158,600 | + 2.0 | + 0.2 |

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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# E A R N I N G S  A N D  H O U R S  -  O C T O B E R  1 9 8 0

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers On-Site Construction Workers

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Oct. 1980 | Sept. 1980 | Oct. 1979 | Oct. 1980 | Sept. 1980 | Oct. 1979 | Oct. 1980 | Sept. 1980 | Oct. 1979 |
| Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers) | $301.29 | $297.36 | $279.36 | 41.5 | 41.3 | 42.2 | $7.26 | $7.20 | $6.62 |
| Metallic Manufacturing..... | 312.57 | 309.74 | 290.78 | 41.9 | 41.8 | 42.7 | 7.46 | 7.41 | 6.81 |
| Primary Metals..... | 328.92 | 334.84 | 336.25 | 41.9 | 42.6 | 45.5 | 7.85 | 7.86 | 7.39 |
| Fabricated Metals..... | 279.30 | 276.97 | 261.38 | 41.5 | 41.4 | 42.5 | 6.73 | 6.69 | 6.15 |
| Machinery..... | 336.90 | 331.78 | 317.12 | 42.7 | 42.7 | 43.5 | 7.89 | 7.77 | 7.29 |
| Electrical Equipment..... | 244.82 | 240.78 | 227.42 | 40.6 | 40.4 | 41.2 | 6.03 | 5.96 | 5.52 |
| Transportation Equipment.. | 363.66 | 364.11 | 338.87 | 41.8 | 41.9 | 42.2 | 8.70 | 8.69 | 8.03 |
| Instruments & Clocks..... | 296.04 | 278.46 | 261.97 | 43.6 | 42.0 | 43.3 | 6.79 | 6.63 | 6.05 |
| Other Metallic Mfg..... | 254.62 | 252.56 | 235.46 | 41.2 | 41.2 | 41.6 | 6.18 | 6.13 | 5.66 |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing... | 272.02 | 265.06 | 249.90 | 40.6 | 40.1 | 40.9 | 6.70 | 6.61 | 6.11 |
| Food..... | 302.94 | 301.26 | 284.99 | 41.9 | 41.9 | 42.6 | 7.23 | 7.19 | 6.69 |
| Textiles..... | 221.39 | 219.78 | 208.08 | 40.4 | 40.4 | 40.8 | 5.48 | 5.44 | 5.10 |
| Apparel..... | 169.67 | 170.39 | 155.37 | 36.1 | 36.1 | 35.8 | 4.70 | 4.72 | 4.34 |
| Lumber & Furniture..... | 225.07 | 217.49 | 210.02 | 40.7 | 39.4 | 41.1 | 5.53 | 5.52 | 5.11 |
| Paper..... | 351.18 | 324.85 | 320.07 | 46.7 | 44.5 | 47.0 | 7.52 | 7.30 | 6.81 |
| Printing & Publishing..... | 268.96 | 273.67 | 247.66 | 37.2 | 37.8 | 36.8 | 7.23 | 7.24 | 6.73 |
| Chemicals..... | 334.91 | 320.58 | 312.99 | 41.5 | 41.1 | 42.7 | 8.07 | 7.80 | 7.33 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics... | 268.46 | 262.34 | 238.45 | 40.8 | 40.8 | 40.9 | 6.58 | 6.43 | 5.83 |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg..... | 290.79 | 275.93 | 261.18 | 42.7 | 41.0 | 42.4 | 6.81 | 6.73 | 6.16 |
| Construction..... | 456.51 | 441.39 | 405.79 | 39.8 | 39.2 | 38.5 | 11.47 | 11.26 | 10.54 |

# UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

| | Oct. 1980 Number | Oct. 1980 Ratio to Labor Force | Sept. 1980 Number | Sept. 1980 Ratio to Labor Force | Oct. 1979 (R) Number | Oct. 1979 (R) Ratio to Labor Force |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| State Totals*-Actual..... | 90,200 | 5.6 | 93,100 | 5.8 | 73,900 | 4.7 |
| Seasonally Adjusted..... | | (6.2) | | (6.4) | | (5.2) |
| Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted) | | | | | | |
| Ansonia..... | 1,600 | 9.6 | 1,600 | 9.3 | 1,200 | 6.7 |
| Bridgeport..... | 11,900 | 6.1 | 11,900 | 6.0 | 9,600 | 5.0 |
| Bristol..... | 3,300 | 9.0 | 3,700 | 9.8 | 1,900 | 5.1 |
| Danbury..... | 4,800 | 5.4 | 4,900 | 5.5 | 4,000 | 4.6 |
| Danielson..... | 2,600 | 8.3 | 2,600 | 8.2 | 1,900 | 6.2 |
| Hartford..... | 18,600 | 4.8 | 19,600 | 5.0 | 16,000 | 4.2 |
| Meriden..... | 2,000 | 7.8 | 2,200 | 8.8 | 1,500 | 5.9 |
| Middletown..... | 2,800 | 4.6 | 2,900 | 4.8 | 2,500 | 4.1 |
| New Britain..... | 4,600 | 6.1 | 4,700 | 6.3 | 3,400 | 4.7 |
| New Haven..... | 13,200 | 6.3 | 12,300 | 5.9 | 10,200 | 5.0 |
| New London-Norwich..... | 6,300 | 6.1 | 6,500 | 6.1 | 5,200 | 5.1 |
| Norwalk..... | 3,000 | 3.9 | 3,400 | 4.4 | 3,100 | 4.1 |
| Stamford..... | 4,800 | 3.9 | 4,900 | 4.0 | 4,300 | 3.6 |
| Torrington..... | 2,700 | 6.6 | 2,900 | 7.1 | 2,400 | 5.7 |
| Waterbury..... | 6,900 | 6.4 | 7,900 | 7.1 | 5,700 | 5.2 |
| Willimantic..... | 1,100 | 4.6 | 1,100 | 4.5 | 1,000 | 4.2 |
| U.S. Total-Actual.....7,482,000 | | 7.1 | 7,464,000 | 7.1 | 5,781,000 | 5.6 |
| Seasonally Adjusted..... | --- | (7.6) | --- | (7.5) | --- | (5.9) |

*State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
(R) Revised

## U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967=100)

| | Oct. '80 | Sept. '80 | Oct. '79 |
|---|---|---|---|
| All Items..... | 253.9 | 251.7 | 225.4 |
| Percent Change From.... | xxx | + 0.9 | +12.6 |

**BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI**-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

**THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.**

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area | Oct.'80 | Sept.'80 | Oct.'79(R) | Percent Change to October 1980 from: Sept.'80 | Oct.'79 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ANSONIA | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 8,490 | 8,580 | 8,850 | - 1.0 | - 4.1 |
| Manufacturing | 3,250 | 3,270 | 3,480 | - 0.6 | - 6.6 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 5,240 | 5,310 | 5,370 | - 1.3 | - 2.4 |
| BRIDGEPORT | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 170,260 | 169,850 | 166,090* | + 0.2 | + 2.5 |
| Manufacturing | 64,740 | 64,720 | 64,880* | + 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 105,520 | 105,130 | 101,210 | + 0.4 | + 4.3 |
| BRISTOL | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 23,710 | 23,560 | 25,290 | + 0.6 | - 6.2 |
| Manufacturing | 10,340 | 10,160 | 12,170 | + 1.8 | - 15.0 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 13,370 | 13,400 | 13,120 | - 0.2 | + 1.9 |
| DANBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 63,040 | 62,800 | 61,820 | + 0.4 | + 2.0 |
| Manufacturing | 20,990 | 20,890 | 20,430 | + 0.5 | + 2.7 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 42,050 | 41,910 | 41,390 | + 0.3 | + 1.6 |
| DANIELSON | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 21,450 | 21,520 | 21,840* | - 0.3 | - 1.8 |
| Manufacturing | 10,340 | 10,430 | 10,710* | - 0.9 | - 3.5 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 11,110 | 11,090 | 11,130 | + 0.2 | - 0.2 |
| HARTFORD | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 400,710* | 399,360* | 393,840* | + 0.3 | + 1.7 |
| Manufacturing | 98,870* | 98,910* | 97,620* | - 0.1 | + 1.3 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 301,840 | 300,450* | 296,220* | + 0.5 | + 1.9 |
| MERIDEN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 20,650 | 20,260* | 21,860 | + 1.9 | - 5.5 |
| Manufacturing | 5,350 | 5,170* | 6,010 | + 3.5 | - 11.0 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 15,300 | 15,090 | 15,850 | + 1.4 | - 3.5 |
| MIDDLETOWN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 47,030* | 46,940* | 47,700 | + 0.2 | - 1.4 |
| Manufacturing | 15,420 | 15,530* | 16,630 | - 0.7 | - 7.3 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 31,610* | 31,410* | 31,070 | + 0.6 | + 1.7 |
| NEW BRITAIN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 62,300* | 62,110* | 62,720 | + 0.3 | - 0.7 |
| Manufacturing | 28,070* | 28,200* | 29,540 | - 0.5 | - 5.0 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 34,230 | 33,910 | 33,180 | + 0.9 | + 3.2 |
| NEW HAVEN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 194,890* | 195,450 | 189,100* | - 0.3 | + 3.1 |
| Manufacturing | 41,740* | 42,320 | 45,750* | - 1.4 | - 8.8 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 153,150 | 153,130 | 143,350 | + 0.1 | + 6.8 |
| NEW LONDON-NORWICH | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 91,010 | 92,390 | 87,170* | - 1.5 | + 4.4 |
| Manufacturing | 34,300 | 34,480 | 32,090* | - 0.5 | + 6.9 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 56,710 | 57,910 | 55,080 | - 2.1 | + 3.0 |
| NORWALK | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 64,230 | 63,990 | 61,630 | + 0.4 | + 4.2 |
| Manufacturing | 20,770 | 20,740 | 19,730 | + 0.1 | + 5.3 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 43,460 | 43,250 | 41,900 | + 0.5 | + 3.7 |

## AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area | Oct.'80 | Sept.'80 | Oct.'79 (R) | Percent Change to October 1980 from Sept.'80 | Oct.'79 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| STAMFORD | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 109,390 | 109,110 | 106,520 | + 0.3 | + 3.0 |
| Manufacturing | 31,460 | 31,370 | 30,830 | + 0.3 | + 2.0 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 77,930 | 77,740 | 75,690 | + 0.2 | + 3.0 |
| TORRINGTON | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 29,290 | 29,260 | 29,660 | + 0.1 | - 1.2 |
| Manufacturing | 10,490 | 10,410 | 10,860 | + 0.8 | - 3.4 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 18,800 | 18,850 | 18,800 | - 0.3 | 0.0 |
| WATERBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 87,520 | 88,750 | 89,890* | - 1.4 | - 2.6 |
| Manufacturing | 30,860 | 30,900 | 33,960* | - 0.1 | - 9.1 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 56,660 | 57,850 | 55,930 | - 2.1 | + 1.3 |
| WILLIMANTIC | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 19,380 | 19,220 | 19,550 | + 0.8 | - 0.9 |
| Manufacturing | 2,700 | 2,730 | 3,050 | - 1.1 | - 11.5 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 16,680 | 16,490 | 16,500 | + 1.2 | + 1.1 |

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

## EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA - OCTOBER 1980

### MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

| | Average Weekly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Oct.'80 | Sept.'80 | Oct.'79 | Oct.'80 | Sept.'80 | Oct.'79 | Oct.'80 | Sept.'80 | Oct.'79 |
| Ansonia | $329.60 | $328.64 | $309.37 | 41.2 | 41.6 | 40.6 | $8.00 | $7.90 | $7.62 |
| Bridgeport | 315.23 | 313.12 | 294.01 | 42.2 | 42.2 | 43.3 | 7.47 | 7.42 | 6.79 |
| Bristol | 323.08 | 320.26 | 316.65 | 39.4 | 39.2 | 41.5 | 8.20 | 8.17 | 7.63 |
| Danbury | 295.91 | 292.60 | 274.52 | 44.1 | 44.0 | 45.3 | 6.71 | 6.65 | 6.06 |
| Danielson | 236.25 | 234.38 | 221.16 | 37.5 | 37.5 | 38.0 | 6.30 | 6.25 | 5.82 |
| Hartford | 324.59 | 321.86 | 311.32 | 42.1 | 41.8 | 43.0 | 7.71 | 7.70 | 7.24 |
| Meriden | 257.11 | 258.95 | 245.02 | 39.8 | 39.9 | 41.6 | 6.46 | 6.49 | 5.89 |
| Middletown | 316.31 | 314.65 | 285.42 | 40.5 | 40.6 | 40.6 | 7.81 | 7.75 | 7.03 |
| New Britain | 310.06 | 312.91 | 295.06 | 41.9 | 42.4 | 43.2 | 7.40 | 7.38 | 6.83 |
| New Haven | 282.80 | 287.99 | 279.47 | 40.4 | 41.2 | 41.9 | 7.00 | 6.99 | 6.67 |
| New London-Norwich | 303.62 | 305.86 | 281.90 | 40.7 | 41.0 | 40.1 | 7.46 | 7.46 | 7.03 |
| Norwalk | 313.69 | 311.88 | 272.98 | 45.2 | 45.2 | 44.1 | 6.94 | 6.90 | 6.19 |
| Stamford | 284.69 | 280.98 | 275.94 | 41.2 | 41.2 | 42.0 | 6.91 | 6.82 | 6.57 |
| Torrington | 223.51 | 220.57 | 209.07 | 39.7 | 39.6 | 41.4 | 5.63 | 5.57 | 5.05 |
| Waterbury | 255.23 | 245.43 | 245.23 | 41.5 | 40.5 | 42.5 | 6.15 | 6.06 | 5.77 |
| Willimantic | 267.89 | 268.94 | 216.69 | 45.1 | 45.2 | 43.6 | 5.94 | 5.95 | 4.97 |

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

# CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| | Employment Nonag. (Thous.) | | New Hire Rate Manufacturing | | Avg. Weekly Initial Claims | | Rate Total Unemployment | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. |
| 1979 | | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 1364.8 | 1384.8 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 7391 | 5292 | 5.6 | 5.1 |
| Feb.... | 1363.2 | 1391.1 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 4768 | 4921 | 5.7 | 5.2 |
| Mar.... | 1378.0 | 1397.7 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 3725 | 4346 | 5.5 | 5.1 |
| Apr.... | 1394.7 | 1392.6 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 4722 | 5342 | 5.2 | 5.2 |
| May.... | 1403.4 | 1393.3 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 3492 | 4602 | 4.8 | 5.0 |
| Jun.... | 1419.4 | 1394.1 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 4744 | 5624 | 5.3 | 5.2 |
| Jul.... | 1406.4 | 1415.4 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 9180 | 5741 | 5.5 | 5.3 |
| Aug.... | 1398.9 | 1409.5 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 4055 | 4714 | 4.9 | 4.9 |
| Sep.... | 1412.6 | 1405.2 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 3369 | 5287 | 4.7 | 5.2 |
| Oct.... | 1414.7 | 1405.6 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 3915 | 5347 | 4.7 | 5.2 |
| Nov.... | 1422.7 | 1409.6 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 4386 | 5671 | 4.8 | 5.2 |
| Dec.... | 1432.0 | 1414.1 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 9830 | 5720 | 5.0 | 5.3 |
| 1980 | | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 1401.2 | 1421.1 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 7301 | 5388 | 6.0 | 5.5 |
| Feb.... | 1397.7 | 1426.2 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 4513 | 4615 | 5.5 | 5.0 |
| Mar.... | 1404.7 | 1424.6 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 3752 | 4393 | 5.1 | 4.7 |
| Apr.... | 1411.1 | 1409.7 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 5179 | 5754 | 4.9 | 4.9 |
| May.... | 1415.0 | 1405.2 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 4807 | 6594 | 5.0 | 5.2 |
| Jun.... | 1417.8 | 1392.7 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 6289 | 7338 | 5.9 | 5.8 |
| Jul.... | 1395.8 | 1404.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 9917 | 6289 | 6.2 | 5.9 |
| Aug.... | 1386.5 | 1397.7 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 6643 | 7540 | 6.1 | 6.1 |
| Sep.... | 1403.4 | 1396.4 | 1.8(R) | 1.4(R) | 4175 | 6384 | 5.8 | 6.4 |
| Oct.... | 1405.4 | 1397.0 | 1.6(P) | 1.4(P) | 4256 | 5994 | 5.6 | 6.2 |
| Nov.... | | | | | | | | |
| Dec.... | | | | | | | | |

| | Personal Income Millions | New Auto Registrations | | Average Work-Week Hours | | Mfg. Output (1967=100) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Seasonally Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. |
| 1979 | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | $2434.8 | 10553 | 12428 | 42.7 | 42.8 | 114.3 | 110.6 |
| Feb.... | 2473.2 | 6062 | 7502 | 42.5 | 42.7 | 114.4 | 111.0 |
| Mar.... | 2483.8 | 14979 | 14335 | 42.6 | 42.6 | 116.0 | 113.1 |
| Apr.... | 2487.7 | 12418 | 13526 | 40.7 | 41.1 | 111.6 | 109.8 |
| May.... | 2503.7 | 15163 | 13235 | 41.5 | 41.7 | 113.1 | 111.5 |
| Jun.... | 2523.7 | 13662 | 10981 | 41.8 | 41.7 | 114.9 | 111.6 |
| Jul.... | 2558.3 | 12409 | 10230 | 41.6 | 41.7 | 99.5 | 112.2 |
| Aug.... | 2577.6 | 10027 | 8641 | 41.4 | 41.9 | 100.2 | 112.7 |
| Sep.... | 2592.5 | 8234 | 10365 | 41.9 | 41.9 | 113.8 | 110.6 |
| Oct.... | 2605.1 | 10676 | 10932 | 42.2 | 42.0 | 116.5 | 112.3 |
| Nov.... | 2631.4 | 12498 | 13943 | 42.7 | 42.3 | 119.2 | 113.7 |
| Dec.... | 2652.3 | 9863 | 10506 | 42.9 | 42.3 | 109.0 | 113.7 |
| 1980 | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 2672.8 | 8969 | 10564 | 42.6 | 42.6 | 121.1 | 117.2 |
| Feb.... | 2702.4 | 8265 | 10229 | 42.2 | 42.4 | 120.6 | 117.0 |
| Mar.... | 2706.0 | 13194 | 12650 | 42.2 | 42.2 | 121.9 | 118.8 |
| Apr.... | 2686.4 | 9931 | 10818 | 41.9 | 42.3 | 121.2 | 119.3 |
| May.... | 2696.9 | 9875 | 8617 | 41.8 | 42.0 | 120.0 | 118.3 |
| Jun.... | 2704.1 | 9868 | 7932 | 41.6 | 41.5 | 118.8 | 115.3 |
| Jul.... | 2747.7 | 9564 | 7885 | 41.3 | 41.4 | 100.7 | 113.5 |
| Aug.... | 2766.3 | 9916 | 8548 | 41.3 | 41.8 | 100.4 | 112.9 |
| Sep.... | 2786.4 | 9781 | 12319 | 41.3 | 41.3 | 116.2 | 112.9 |
| Oct.... | 2799.0 | 10032 | 10268 | 41.5 | 41.3 | 117.4 | 113.2 |
| Nov.... | | | | | | (R) Revised | |
| Dec.... | | | | | | (P) Preliminary | |

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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF CONNECTICUT WORKERS
COVERED UNDER UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION
(Including All Workers: Executive, Clerical, Supervisory, Sales etc.)

4TH QUARTER 1979, 3RD QUARTER 1979, 2ND QUARTER 1979, 1ST QUARTER 1979,

| INDUSTRY | 4th Qtr. 1979 | 3rd Qtr. 1979 | 2nd Qtr. 1979 | 1st Qtr. 1979 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total..... | $275.06 | $255.66 | $257.48 | $255.77 |
| Total Manufacturing..... | 339.82 | 313.86 | 319.88 | 317.20 |
| Total Nonmanufacturing..... | 245.47 | 229.03 | 228.89 | 226.66 |
| Construction..... | 345.76 | 314.09 | 309.03 | 311.62 |
| Transportation..... | 305.61 | 275.95 | 260.04 | 254.48 |
| Communications & Utilities..... | 384.68 | 383.50 | 367.42 | 368.93 |
| Trade..... | 206.75 | 195.73 | 189.52 | 191.55 |
| Wholesale..... | 364.75 | 332.95 | 325.79 | 330.83 |
| Retail..... | 179.13 | 173.54 | 168.23 | 166.44 |
| Restaurants..... | 98.33 | 95.55 | 92.92 | 94.05 |
| Finance & Real Estate..... | 268.93 | 247.22 | 236.08 | 247.39 |
| Insurance..... | 319.31 | 307.30 | 302.36 | 312.65 |
| Service..... | 219.34 | 205.51 | 202.25 | 201.88 |
| Hotels..... | 144.54 | 125.87 | 125.99 | 123.34 |
| Laundries, Dyeing & Cleaning.. | 158.04 | 149.49 | 147.44 | 146.71 |
| Business Service..... | 251.45 | 220.94 | 226.74 | 221.14 |
| Auto Repair Service & Garage.. | 226.06 | 210.49 | 207.64 | 200.37 |
| Health Services..... | 224.70 | 227.12 | 220.31 | 216.36 |
| Government..... | 258.06 | 231.52 | 258.81 | 239.09 |

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# CONNECTICUT LABOR SITUATION

JOB SERVICE
CONNECTICUT LABOR DEPARTMENT
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION
HARTFORD 06115
P. JOSEPH PERARO
COMMISSIONER

December 1980

Personal income and average weekly wages advanced to record high levels in November when employment also increased by about 6,000, according to State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro. Manufacturing output and working hours improved during the month and unemployment was up by two-tenths of one percent.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonfarm employment reached 1,411,190 in November, with gains in transportation equipment and instrument manufacturing and fabricated metals contributing to the nearly 6,000 monthly increase. In the nonmanufacturing sector, seasonal increases were recorded in wholesale and retail trade employment, while construction was down (page 2).

New contracts and more overtime contributed to higher earnings of factory production workers with the average wage reaching a record $309.12 weekly, up from $301.29 in October, and extended the workweek to 42 hours (page 3). Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour basis, weekly earnings totaled $281.60 at $7.04 hourly, up from October's weekly average of $279.20 at $6.98 per hour. Wages were highest in the Ansonia area at $343.44, followed by Bristol, $333.66; Hartford, $330.72; Middletown, $328.97; New Britain, $323.79 and Bridgeport, $323.57 (page 6).

Unemployment: An increase of 2,800 boosted unemployment two-tenths of one percent to 5.8 in November (page 4). The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment figure of 6.3 once again continued well below the comparable national rate of 7.5 percent. Unemployment increases were recorded in 10 labor market areas and the remaining six had declines. Included in the unemployment estimate were those persons receiving unemployment benefits, others were were ineligible or whose benefits had expired, [illegible] people entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Manufacturing output and the average workweek improved in November when personal income of state residents was at a new record high level. On a seasonally adjusted basis, initial (new) claims for unemployment compensation dropped and new hires in manufacturing increased (page 7).

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A special report, "A Profile of the Labor Force in Connecticut," is attached.

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# C O N N E C T I C U T  N O N A G R I C U L T U R A L  E M P L O Y M E N T

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

| | November 1980 | | | % Change Nov. '80 over Oct. '80 | % Change Nov. '80 over Nov. '79 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Nov. 1980 | Oct. 1980 | Nov. 1979 | | |
| Total Nonag. Employment..... | 1,411,190* | 1,405,430* | 1,422,700* | + 0.4 | - 0.8 |
| Manufacturing..... | 426,090* | 425,720* | 437,840* | + 0.1 | - 2.7 |
| Metallic Manufacturing.. | 311,990* | 311,740* | 319,400* | + 0.1 | - 2.3 |
| Primary Metals..... | 17,910 | 18,070* | 22,060* | - 0.9 | - 18.8 |
| Fabricated Metals..... | 61,860* | 61,060* | 65,160* | + 1.3 | - 5.1 |
| Machinery, Ex. Elec... | 60,560* | 61,590 | 62,410 | - 1.7 | - 3.0 |
| Electrical Equipment.. | 46,850* | 46,730 | 49,680* | + 0.3 | - 5.7 |
| Transp. Equip..... | 91,590 | 91,400 | 87,090* | + 0.2 | + 5.2 |
| Instruments & Clocks.. | 25,020 | 24,880 | 24,550 | + 0.6 | + 1.9 |
| Other Metallic Mfg.... | 8,200 | 8,010 | 8,450 | + 2.4 | - 3.0 |
| Nonmetallic Mfg..... | 114,100* | 113,980* | 118,440* | + 0.1 | - 3.7 |
| Food..... | 12,420 | 12,320 | 12,690 | + 0.8 | - 2.1 |
| Textiles..... | 7,370 | 7,520 | 9,150 | - 2.0 | - 19.4 |
| Apparel..... | 10,900 | 10,990 | 11,250 | - 0.8 | - 3.1 |
| Furniture & Lumber.... | 6,910 | 6,820 | 6,760 | + 1.3 | + 2.2 |
| Paper..... | 9,150 | 9,260 | 9,250 | - 1.2 | - 1.1 |
| Printing & Publishing. | 24,080 | 23,970* | 24,490* | + 0.5 | - 1.7 |
| Chemicals..... | 17,600 | 17,630 | 17,550* | - 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plast.. | 12,240* | 12,250* | 13,100 | - 0.1 | - 6.6 |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg. | 13,430 | 13,220 | 14,200 | + 1.6 | - 5.4 |
| Nonmanufacturing..... | 985,100* | 979,710* | 984,860* | + 0.6 | + 0.0** |
| Construction..... | 49,720 | 50,310* | 54,240 | - 1.2 | - 8.3 |
| Trans. (Inc. R.R.).... | 33,590 | 33,620 | 34,680 | - 0.1 | - 3.1 |
| Communications..... | 17,910 | 17,840 | 17,260 | + 0.4 | + 3.8 |
| Utilities..... | 10,780 | 10,890 | 11,040 | - 1.0 | - 2.4 |
| Trade..... | 306,590* | 301,960* | 305,960 | + 1.5 | + 0.2 |
| Wholesale..... | 76,390* | 75,760* | 74,380 | + 0.8 | + 2.7 |
| Retail..... | 163,270 | 159,300 | 164,680 | + 2.5 | - 0.9 |
| Restaurants..... | 66,930 | 66,900 | 66,900 | + 0.0** | + 0.0** |
| Finance & Real Estate. | 45,210 | 45,070 | 43,990 | + 0.3 | + 2.8 |
| Insurance..... | 58,240 | 58,020 | 56,590 | + 0.4 | + 2.9 |
| Service..... | 280,940 | 281,120 | 278,460* | - 0.1 | + 0.9 |
| Hotels..... | 6,290 | 6,460 | 6,570 | - 2.6 | - 4.3 |
| Laund. & Pers. Serv. | 14,020 | 13,970 | 14,450 | + 0.4 | - 3.0 |
| Health Services..... | 93,780 | 93,250 | 91,150* | + 0.6 | + 2.9 |
| Law & Professional.. | 19,610 | 19,500 | 18,780 | + 0.6 | + 4.4 |
| Other Services..... | 147,240 | 147,940 | 147,510 | - 0.5 | - 0.2 |
| Government..... | 182,120 | 180,880 | 182,640 | + 0.7 | - 0.3 |
| Federal..... | 22,090 | 21,900 | 21,340 | + 0.9 | + 3.5 |
| State & Local..... | 160,030 | 158,980 | 161,300 | + 0.7 | - 0.8 |

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** Less than 0.05 percent

# E A R N I N G S  A N D  H O U R S  -  N O V E M B E R  1 9 8 0

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Nov. 1980 | Oct. 1980 | Nov. 1979 | Nov. 1980 | Oct. 1980 | Nov. 1979 | Nov. 1980 | Oct. 1980 | Nov. 1979 |
| Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers) | $309.12 | $301.29 | $286.09 | 42.0 | 41.5 | 42.7 | $7.36 | $7.26 | $6.70 |
| Metallic Manufacturing..... | 321.72 | 312.57 | 298.77 | 42.5 | 41.9 | 43.3 | 7.57 | 7.46 | 6.90 |
| Primary Metals..... | 335.20 | 328.92 | 338.92 | 41.9 | 41.9 | 45.8 | 8.00 | 7.85 | 7.40 |
| Fabricated Metals..... | 289.59 | 279.30 | 265.17 | 42.4 | 41.5 | 42.7 | 6.83 | 6.73 | 6.21 |
| Machinery..... | 349.31 | 336.90 | 334.35 | 43.5 | 42.7 | 45.0 | 8.03 | 7.89 | 7.43 |
| Electrical Equipment..... | 247.46 | 244.82 | 229.63 | 40.5 | 40.6 | 41.3 | 6.11 | 6.03 | 5.56 |
| Transportation Equipment.. | 380.57 | 363.66 | 349.97 | 43.1 | 41.8 | 43.1 | 8.83 | 8.70 | 8.12 |
| Instruments and Clocks.... | 298.28 | 296.04 | 262.05 | 43.8 | 43.6 | 43.1 | 6.81 | 6.79 | 6.08 |
| Other Metallic Mfg..... | 256.63 | 254.62 | 240.69 | 40.8 | 41.2 | 42.3 | 6.29 | 6.18 | 5.69 |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing... | 274.86 | 272.02 | 251.33 | 40.6 | 40.6 | 41.0 | 6.77 | 6.70 | 6.13 |
| Food..... | 301.07 | 302.94 | 286.88 | 41.7 | 41.9 | 42.5 | 7.22 | 7.23 | 6.75 |
| Textiles..... | 215.44 | 221.39 | 214.76 | 39.1 | 40.4 | 41.7 | 5.51 | 5.48 | 5.15 |
| Apparel..... | 169.20 | 169.67 | 159.36 | 36.0 | 36.1 | 36.3 | 4.70 | 4.70 | 4.39 |
| Lumber & Furniture..... | 227.05 | 225.07 | 214.35 | 40.4 | 40.7 | 41.3 | 5.62 | 5.53 | 5.19 |
| Paper..... | 341.71 | 351.18 | 318.09 | 45.5 | 46.7 | 46.1 | 7.51 | 7.52 | 6.90 |
| Printing and Publishing... | 276.72 | 268.96 | 247.36 | 37.7 | 37.2 | 36.7 | 7.34 | 7.23 | 6.74 |
| Chemicals..... | 341.51 | 334.91 | 317.34 | 41.8 | 41.5 | 43.0 | 8.17 | 8.07 | 7.38 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics... | 277.12 | 268.46 | 248.53 | 41.3 | 40.8 | 41.7 | 6.71 | 6.58 | 5.96 |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg..... | 296.96 | 290.79 | 255.36 | 43.1 | 42.7 | 42.0 | 6.89 | 6.81 | 6.08 |
| Construction..... | 467.60 | 456.51 | 410.89 | 40.0 | 39.8 | 38.8 | 11.69 | 11.47 | 10.59 |

# U N E M P L O Y M E N T  I N  C O N N E C T I C U T  B Y  A R E A

| | Nov. 1980 Number | Nov. 1980 Ratio to Labor Force | Oct. 1980 Number | Oct. 1980 Ratio to Labor Force | Nov. 1979 (R) Number | Nov. 1979 (R) Ratio to Labor Force |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| State Totals*-Actual..... | 93,000 | 5.8 | 90,200 | 5.6 | 75,600 | 4.8 |
| Seasonally Adjusted..... | | (6.3) | | (6.2) | | (5.2) |
| Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted) | | | | | | |
| Ansonia..... | 1,400 | 8.4 | 1,600 | 9.6 | 1,400 | 7.9 |
| Bridgeport..... | 11,900 | 6.0 | 11,900 | 6.1 | 9,900 | 5.1 |
| Bristol..... | 3,100 | 8.6 | 3,300 | 9.0 | 1,900 | 5.1 |
| Danbury..... | 5,000 | 5.7 | 4,800 | 5.4 | 4,400 | 5.0 |
| Danielson..... | 2,800 | 9.0 | 2,600 | 8.3 | 2,300 | 7.4 |
| Hartford..... | 20,000 | 5.1 | 18,600 | 4.8 | 15,400 | 4.0 |
| Meriden..... | 2,200 | 8.4 | 2,000 | 7.8 | 1,500 | 5.6 |
| Middletown..... | 2,900 | 4.8 | 2,800 | 4.6 | 2,900 | 4.7 |
| New Britain..... | 4,200 | 5.6 | 4,600 | 6.1 | 3,700 | 5.1 |
| New Haven..... | 14,000 | 6.6 | 13,200 | 6.3 | 10,600 | 5.2 |
| New London-Norwich..... | 5,900 | 5.7 | 6,300 | 6.1 | 5,600 | 5.4 |
| Norwalk..... | 3,500 | 4.5 | 3,000 | 3.9 | 2,800 | 3.7 |
| Stamford..... | 4,600 | 3.7 | 4,800 | 3.9 | 4,200 | 3.5 |
| Torrington..... | 2,900 | 7.2 | 2,700 | 6.6 | 2,400 | 5.9 |
| Waterbury..... | 7,400 | 6.8 | 6,900 | 6.4 | 5,700 | 5.2 |
| Willimantic..... | 1,200 | 4.9 | 1,100 | 4.6 | 900 | 3.6 |
| U.S. Total-Actual.....7,486,000 | | 7.1 | 7,482,000 | 7.1 | 5,776,000 | 5.6 |
| Seasonally Adjusted..... | --- | (7.5) | --- | (7.6) | --- | (5.8) |

*State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
(R) Revised

## U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967=100)

| | Nov. '80 | Oct. '80 | Nov. '79 |
|---|---|---|---|
| All Items..... | 256.2 | 253.9 | 227.5 |
| Percent Change From.... | xxx | + 0.9 | +12.6 |

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area | Nov.'80 | Oct.'80 | Nov.'79 (R) | Percent Change to November 1980 from: Oct.'80 | Nov.'79 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ANSONIA | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 8,530 | 8,490 | 8,880 | + 0.5 | - 3.9 |
| Manufacturing | 3,260 | 3,250 | 3,510 | + 0.3 | - 7.1 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 5,270 | 5,240 | 5,370 | + 0.6 | - 1.9 |
| BRIDGEPORT | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 171,140 | 170,260 | 166,850* | + 0.5 | + 2.6 |
| Manufacturing | 64,750 | 64,740 | 65,200* | 0.0 | - 0.7 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 106,390 | 105,520 | 101,650 | + 0.8 | + 4.7 |
| BRISTOL | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 23,550 | 23,710 | 25,280 | - 0.7 | - 6.8 |
| Manufacturing | 10,140 | 10,340 | 12,160 | - 1.9 | - 16.6 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 13,410 | 13,370 | 13,120 | + 0.3 | + 2.2 |
| DANBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 63,320* | 63,040 | 62,380 | + 0.4 | + 1.5 |
| Manufacturing | 21,090* | 20,990 | 20,760 | + 0.5 | + 1.6 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 42,230 | 42,050 | 41,620 | + 0.4 | + 1.5 |
| DANIELSON | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 21,270 | 21,450 | 21,800* | - 0.8 | - 2.4 |
| Manufacturing | 10,200 | 10,340 | 10,720* | - 1.4 | - 4.9 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 11,070 | 11,110 | 11,080 | - 0.4 | - 0.1 |
| HARTFORD | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 401,910* | 400,710* | 394,460* | + 0.3 | + 1.9 |
| Manufacturing | 98,900* | 98,870* | 97,090* | 0.0 | + 1.9 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 303,010 | 301,840 | 297,370* | + 0.4 | + 1.9 |
| MERIDEN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 20,840 | 20,650 | 22,010 | + 0.9 | - 5.3 |
| Manufacturing | 5,440 | 5,350 | 6,010 | + 1.7 | - 9.5 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 15,400 | 15,300 | 16,000 | + 0.7 | - 3.8 |
| MIDDLETOWN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 47,880* | 47,500*(R) | 48,130 | + 0.8 | - 0.5 |
| Manufacturing | 15,810 | 15,890 (R) | 16,810 | - 0.5 | - 5.9 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 32,070* | 31,610* | 31,320 | + 1.5 | + 2.4 |
| NEW BRITAIN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 61,920* | 62,300* | 62,960 | - 0.6 | - 1.7 |
| Manufacturing | 27,630* | 28,070* | 29,770 | - 1.6 | - 7.2 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 34,290 | 34,230 | 33,190 | + 0.2 | + 3.3 |
| NEW HAVEN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 196,120* | 194,890* | 189,380* | + 0.6 | + 3.6 |
| Manufacturing | 42,170 | 41,740* | 45,670* | + 1.0 | - 7.7 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 153,950* | 153,150 | 143,710 | + 0.5 | + 7.1 |
| NEW LONDON-NORWICH | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 91,580 | 91,010 | 87,280* | + 0.6 | + 4.9 |
| Manufacturing | 34,770 | 34,300 | 32,160* | + 1.4 | + 8.1 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 56,810 | 56,710 | 55,120 | + 0.2 | + 3.1 |
| NORWALK | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 64,510 | 64,230 | 61,910 | + 0.4 | + 4.2 |
| Manufacturing | 20,610 | 20,770 | 19,930 | + 0.2 | + 4.4 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 43,700 | 43,460 | 41,980 | + 0.6 | + 4.1 |

## AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area | Nov.'80 | Oct.'80 | Nov.'79 (R) | Percent Change to November 1980 from: Oct.'80 | Nov.'79 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| STAMFORD | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 110,200 | 109,390 | 107,390 | + 0.7 | + 2.6 |
| Manufacturing | 31,590 | 31,460 | 31,130 | + 0.4 | + 1.5 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 78,610 | 77,930 | 76,260 | + 0.9 | + 3.1 |
| TORRINGTON | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 29,190 | 29,290 | 29,700 | - 0.3 | - 1.7 |
| Manufacturing | 10,350 | 10,490 | 10,900 | - 1.3 | - 5.0 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 18,840 | 18,800 | 18,800 | + 0.2 | + 0.2 |
| WATERBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 88,120 | 87,520 | 90,590* | + 0.7 | - 2.7 |
| Manufacturing | 31,090 | 30,860 | 34,110* | + 0.7 | - 8.9 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 57,030 | 56,660 | 56,480 | + 0.7 | + 1.0 |
| WILLIMANTIC | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 19,540 | 19,380 | 19,550* | + 0.8 | - 0.1 |
| Manufacturing | 2,780 | 2,700 | 3,000* | + 3.0 | - 7.3 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 16,760 | 16,680 | 16,550 | + 0.5 | + 1.3 |

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
(R) Revised
Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

## EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA - NOVEMBER 1980

### MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

| | Average Weekly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Nov.'80 | Oct.'80 | Nov.'79 | Nov.'80 | Oct.'80 | Nov.'79 | Nov.'80 | Oct.'80 | Nov.'79 |
| Ansonia | $343.44 | $329.60 | $377.22 | 42.4 | 41.2 | 48.3 | $8.10 | $8.00 | $7.81 |
| Bridgeport | 323.57 | 315.23 | 301.09 | 42.8 | 42.2 | 43.7 | 7.56 | 7.47 | 6.89 |
| Bristol | 333.66 | 323.08 | 332.73 | 40.2 | 39.4 | 41.8 | 8.30 | 8.20 | 7.96 |
| Danbury | 300.59 | 295.91 | 273.44 | 44.4 | 44.1 | 44.9 | 6.77 | 6.71 | 6.09 |
| Danielson | 236.37 | 236.25 | 217.55 | 37.4 | 37.5 | 37.9 | 6.32 | 6.30 | 5.74 |
| Hartford | 330.72 | 324.59 | 315.92 | 42.4 | 42.1 | 43.1 | 7.80 | 7.71 | 7.33 |
| Meriden | 252.85 | 257.11 | 247.38 | 38.9 | 39.8 | 42.0 | 6.50 | 6.46 | 5.89 |
| Middletown | 328.97 | 316.31 | 286.23 | 41.8 | 40.5 | 40.6 | 7.87 | 7.81 | 7.05 |
| New Britain | 323.79 | 310.06 | 303.46 | 43.0 | 41.9 | 43.6 | 7.53 | 7.40 | 6.96 |
| New Haven | 282.91 | 282.80 | 281.63 | 40.3 | 40.4 | 41.6 | 7.02 | 7.00 | 6.77 |
| New London-Norwich | 316.76 | 303.62 | 276.17 | 41.9 | 40.7 | 40.2 | 7.56 | 7.46 | 6.87 |
| Norwalk | 313.60 | 313.69 | 267.01 | 44.8 | 45.2 | 43.7 | 7.00 | 6.94 | 6.11 |
| Stamford | 285.65 | 284.69 | 282.91 | 41.1 | 41.2 | 42.8 | 6.95 | 6.91 | 6.61 |
| Torrington | 230.11 | 223.51 | 207.67 | 40.3 | 39.7 | 40.8 | 5.71 | 5.63 | 5.09 |
| Waterbury | 259.36 | 255.23 | 249.37 | 41.9 | 41.5 | 42.7 | 6.19 | 6.15 | 5.84 |
| Willimantic | 263.12 | 267.89 | 222.16 | 44.0 | 45.1 | 44.7 | 5.98 | 5.94 | 4.97 |

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

# CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| | Employment Nonag. (Thous.) | | New Hire Rate Manufacturing | | Avg. Weekly Initial Claims | | Rate Total Unemployment | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. |
| 1979 | | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 1364.8 | 1384.8 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 7391 | 5292 | 5.6 | 5.1 |
| Feb.... | 1363.2 | 1391.1 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 4768 | 4921 | 5.7 | 5.2 |
| Mar.... | 1378.0 | 1397.7 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 3725 | 4346 | 5.5 | 5.1 |
| Apr.... | 1394.7 | 1392.6 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 4722 | 5342 | 5.2 | 5.2 |
| May.... | 1403.4 | 1393.3 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 3492 | 4602 | 4.8 | 5.0 |
| Jun.... | 1419.4 | 1394.1 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 4744 | 5624 | 5.3 | 5.2 |
| Jul.... | 1406.4 | 1415.4 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 9180 | 5741 | 5.5 | 5.3 |
| Aug.... | 1398.9 | 1409.5 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 4055 | 4714 | 4.9 | 4.9 |
| Sep.... | 1412.6 | 1405.2 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 3369 | 5287 | 4.7 | 5.2 |
| Oct.... | 1414.7 | 1405.6 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 3915 | 5347 | 4.7 | 5.2 |
| Nov.... | 1422.7 | 1409.6 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 4386 | 5671 | 4.8 | 5.2 |
| Dec.... | 1432.0 | 1414.1 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 9830 | 5720 | 5.0 | 5.3 |
| 1980 | | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 1401.2 | 1421.1 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 7301 | 5388 | 6.0 | 5.5 |
| Feb.... | 1397.7 | 1426.2 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 4513 | 4615 | 5.5 | 5.0 |
| Mar.... | 1404.7 | 1424.6 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 3752 | 4393 | 5.1 | 4.7 |
| Apr.... | 1411.1 | 1409.7 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 5179 | 5754 | 4.9 | 4.9 |
| May.... | 1415.0 | 1405.2 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 4807 | 6594 | 5.0 | 5.2 |
| Jun.... | 1417.8 | 1392.7 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 6289 | 7338 | 5.9 | 5.8 |
| Jul.... | 1395.8 | 1404.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 9917 | 6289 | 6.2 | 5.9 |
| Aug.... | 1386.5 | 1397.7 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 6643 | 7540 | 6.1 | 6.1 |
| Sep.... | 1403.4 | 1396.4 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 4175 | 6384 | 5.8 | 6.4 |
| Oct.... | 1405.4 | 1397.0 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 4256 | 5994 | 5.6 | 6.2 |
| Nov.... | 1411.2 | 1398.6 | 1.5(P) | 1.7(P) | 4464 | 5738 | 5.8 | 6.3 |
| Dec.... | | | | | | | | |

| | Personal Income Millions | New Auto Registrations | | Average Work-Week Hours | | Mfg. Output (1967=100) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Seasonally Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. |
| 1979 | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | $2434.8 | 10553 | 12428 | 42.7 | 42.8 | 114.3 | 110.6 |
| Feb.... | 2473.2 | 6062 | 7502 | 42.5 | 42.7 | 114.4 | 111.0 |
| Mar.... | 2483.8 | 14979 | 14335 | 42.6 | 42.6 | 116.0 | 113.1 |
| Apr.... | 2487.7 | 12418 | 13526 | 40.7 | 41.1 | 111.6 | 109.8 |
| May.... | 2503.7 | 15163 | 13235 | 41.5 | 41.7 | 113.1 | 111.5 |
| Jun.... | 2523.7 | 13662 | 10981 | 41.8 | 41.7 | 114.9 | 111.6 |
| Jul.... | 2558.3 | 12409 | 10230 | 41.6 | 41.7 | 99.5 | 112.2 |
| Aug.... | 2577.6 | 10027 | 8641 | 41.4 | 41.9 | 100.2 | 112.7 |
| Sep.... | 2592.5 | 8234 | 10365 | 41.9 | 41.9 | 113.8 | 110.6 |
| Oct.... | 2605.1 | 10676 | 10932 | 42.2 | 42.0 | 116.5 | 112.3 |
| Nov.... | 2631.4 | 12498 | 13943 | 42.7 | 42.3 | 119.2 | 113.7 |
| Dec.... | 2652.3 | 9863 | 10506 | 42.9 | 42.3 | 109.0 | 113.7 |
| 1980 | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 2672.8 | 8969 | 10564 | 42.6 | 42.6 | 121.1 | 117.2 |
| Feb.... | 2702.4 | 8265 | 10229 | 42.2 | 42.4 | 120.6 | 117.0 |
| Mar.... | 2706.0 | 13194 | 12650 | 42.2 | 42.2 | 121.9 | 118.8 |
| Apr.... | 2686.4 | 9931 | 10818 | 41.9 | 42.3 | 121.2 | 119.3 |
| May.... | 2696.9 | 9875 | 8617 | 41.8 | 42.0 | 120.0 | 118.3 |
| Jun.... | 2704.1 | 9868 | 7932 | 41.6 | 41.5 | 118.8 | 115.3 |
| Jul.... | 2747.7 | 9564 | 7885 | 41.3 | 41.4 | 100.7 | 113.5 |
| Aug.... | 2766.3 | 9916 | 8548 | 41.3 | 41.8 | 100.4 | 112.9 |
| Sep.... | 2786.4 | 9781 | 12319 | 41.3 | 41.3 | 116.2 | 112.9 |
| Oct.... | 2799.0 | 10032 | 10268 | 41.5 | 41.3 | 117.4 | 113.2 |
| Nov.... | 2810.3 | 8060 | 8996 | 42.0 | 41.5 | 120.2 | 114.7 |
| Dec.... | | | | | | | |

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## A PROFILE OF THE LABOR FORCE IN CONNECTICUT

Each year the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics prepares state-level summaries from the findings of the nationwide Current Population Survey. For most of the smaller states, this data, which is presented as annual averages, represents the only current information available on labor force participation and unemployment rates by sex and race. The data for Connecticut which appears in this report was taken from unpublished tabulations made available by the Bureau earlier this year. The data will subsequently appear in published form in the Bureau's Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment - 1979, shortly to be released.

Based on this data, and on average for the year, the Connecticut labor force expanded by 69,000 between 1978 and 1979 with employment making up the bulk (67,000) of the rise. The size of the noninstitutional population 16 years of age and over increased by 35,000, while improved economic conditions influenced a favorable rise in the labor force participation rate from 65.1 per hundred in the working age population in 1978 to 67 per hundred in 1979. Statewide unemployment rose by 2,000 over the year, but because of the expanded labor force the unemployment rate fell by one-tenth of a percent.

An occupational breakdown of the employed workers for 1979 shows 55.6 percent in white-collar jobs, 31.6 percent in blue-collar occupations and 12.5 percent employed in service work. White-collar jobs employed 47.2 percent of Connecticut's male workers and 66.6 percent of its female workers. Women have made some progress up the ladder from clerical occupations this year, but not as much as males. The largest single segment of white-collar female workers is still found in the clerical occupations, accounting for 34.7 percent (35.1 last year) of all women employed. Among their male counterparts only 5.6 percent (6.7 last year) were at work in the clerical field. The majority of male white collar workers were employed in professional jobs (19.3 percent) or as managers and administrators (15.4 percent) A like percentage of women (19.3 percent) were employed as professionals, but only 5.1 percent were managers and administrators.

Significant changes in the occupational distribution of black workers was also reflected in the 1979 findings with 43.7 percent employed in white-collar work as compared with a year-earlier rate of 38.2 percent. In 1978 nearly 42 percent of the black workers in the state were employed in blue-collar work while in 1979 only 30.9 percent were employed in that grouping.

The size of Connecticut's youth population ages 16 to 19 rose by 33,000 over the year which also saw 27,000 of this age cohort join the ranks of the employed. Youth unemployment rose by 3,000 during this time span but because of the expanded labor force the youth unemployment rate declined from 16 percent to 14.9 percent.

Unemployment as a total percentage showed little movement in the state over the year, posting a one-tenth of a percent decline on an annual average basis. Significant changes were reported in the composition of the unemployed, however, particularly in the rates for minorities. The number of all unemployed men declined by 0.3 percent from 1978, but the rate of unemployment for black males shot up from 6.9 to 15.3 percent. Among black women the unemployment rate showed a small decline from 14.9 to 13.4 percent. Because of the small size of the estimating cells for these subgroups, however, the shifts from year to year must be viewed with caution. For black men, for example, the Bureau notes that within the error range at the 90-percent confidence level the unemployment rate in 1979 could vary from 9.8 to 20.8 percent, while the error range of rate for black men in the 1978 survey ranged from 2.8 to 11.0 percent.

TABLE I

LABOR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL POPULATION
16 YEARS AND OVER BY SEX, AGE, AND RACE
1978-1979 ANNUAL AVERAGES
(Numbers in Thousands)

| | Civilian Noninstitutional Population (16 years and over) | | Civilian Labor Force | | | | Employment | | Unemployment | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Number | | Participation Rate | | Number | | Number | | Rate | |
| | 1979 | 1978 | 1979 | 1978 | 1979 | 1978 | 1979 | 1978 | 1979 | 1978 | 1979 | 1978 |
| TOTAL | 2,358 | 2,323 | 1,581 | 1,512 | 67.0 | 65.1 | 1,500 | 1,433 | 81 | 79 | 5.1 | 5.2 |
| Men | 1,113 | 1,108 | 887 | 865 | 79.7 | 78.1 | 848 | 829 | 39 | 36 | 4.3 | 4.6 |
| Women | 1,245 | 1,215 | 694 | 647 | 55.7 | 53.3 | 652 | 604 | 42 | 43 | 6.1 | 6.7 |
| Men (20 Years and Over) | 990 | 1,006 | 807 | 804 | 81.5 | 79.9 | 779 | 777 | 27 | 27 | 3.3 | 3.4 |
| Women (20 Years and Over) | 1,129 | 1,111 | 621 | 583 | 55.0 | 52.5 | 589 | 552 | 31 | 31 | 5.0 | 5.3 |
| Both Sexes (16-19 Years) | 239 | 206 | 154 | 125 | 64.4 | 60.7 | 131 | 104 | 23 | 20 | 14.9 | 16.0 |
| WHITE | 2,210 | 2,180 | 1,476 | 1,415 | 66.8 | 64.9 | 1,411 | 1,346 | 66 | 68 | 4.5 | 4.8 |
| Men | 1,051 | 1,049 | 838 | 820 | 79.7 | 78.2 | 807 | 787 | 31 | 33 | 3.7 | 4.0 |
| Women | 1,159 | 1,131 | 638 | 595 | 55.0 | 52.6 | 603 | 559 | 35 | 36 | 5.4 | 6.0 |
| Men (20 Years and Over) | 942 | 956 | 765 | 762 | 81.2 | 79.7 | 743 | 736 | 22 | 25 | 2.9 | 3.3 |
| Women (20 Years and Over) | 1,053 | 1,033 | 569 | 535 | 54.0 | 51.8 | 543 | 508 | 25 | 27 | 4.4 | 5.0 |
| Both Sexes (16-19 Years) | 215 | 191 | 143 | 118 | 66.5 | 61.8 | 124 | 101 | 19 | 17 | 13.3 | 14.4 |
| BLACK AND OTHER | 148 | 143 | 104 | 98 | 70.3 | 68.5 | 89 | 87 | 15 | 11 | 14.3 | 11.2 |
| Men | 62 | 58 | 48 | 46 | 77.4 | 78.0 | 41 | 42 | 7 | 3 | 15.3 | 6.9 |
| Women | 86 | 84 | 56 | 52 | 65.1 | 61.9 | 48 | 44 | 7 | 8 | 13.4 | 14.9 |
| Men (20 Years and Over) | INA | INA | INA | INA | INA | INA | INA | INA | INA | INA | INA | INA |
| Women (20 Years and Over) | 76 | 77 | 52 | 48 | 68.4 | 62.3 | 46 | 42 | 6 | 6 | 11.5 | 12.5 |
| Both Sexes (16-19 Years) | INA | INA | INA | INA | INA | INA | INA | INA | INA | INA | INA | INA |

INA-Information not available. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics generally does not publish estimates for specific subgroups if the subgroup has a civilian labor force of less than 50,000 or if the Bureau determines that the statistical error for the group is excessive.

Source: Data for 1978 were taken from the Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment: States, 1978, BLS Report 571, and 1979 data were taken from draft tables from the 1979 Geographic Profile tables 1, 4, and 5.

TABLE II

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
OCCUPATIONAL DISTRIBUTION BY SEX AND RACE
1979 ANNUAL AVERAGES

| | Number Employed (in 000's) | Number Unemployed (in 000's) | Unemployment Rate | ---Percent Distribution of the Employed--- | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Total | White | Black | Male | Female |
| TOTAL | 1,500 | 81 | 5.1 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| White-Collar Workers - Total | 834 | 24 | 2.8 | 55.6 | 56.4 | 43.7 | 47.2 | 66.6 |
| Professional and Technical | 290 | 7 | 2.3 | 19.3 | 19.4 | 16.7 | 19.3 | 19.3 |
| Managers and Administrators | 163 | 3 | 1.7 | 10.9 | 11.3 | 5.3 | 15.4 | 5.1 |
| Sales Workers | 108 | 3 | 2.7 | 7.2 | 7.5 | 3.0 | 7.0 | 7.6 |
| Clerical Workers | 273 | 11 | 3.9 | 18.2 | 18.2 | 18.7 | 5.6 | 34.7 |
| Blue-Collar Workers - Total | 474 | 28 | 5.7 | 31.6 | 31.6 | 30.9 | 43.1 | 16.5 |
| Craft and Kindred Workers | 215 | 8 | 3.4 | 14.3 | 14.9 | 4.8 | 23.7 | 2.1 |
| Operatives | 178 | 15 | 7.7 | 11.9 | 11.5 | 17.9 | 11.4 | 12.5 |
| Transp. Equip. Operatives | 35 | INA | INA | 2.3 | 2.1 | 4.4 | 3.6 | INA |
| Nonfarm Laborers | 46 | 3 | 6.0 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.8 | 4.5 | 1.4 |
| Service Workers | 188 | 13 | 6.7 | 12.5 | 11.6 | 25.4 | 9.1 | 16.8 |
| Farm Workers | INA | INA | INA | INA | INA | INA | INA | INA |

INA - Information not available

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# CONNECTICUT LABOR SITUATION

CONNECTICUT LABOR DEPARTMENT

JOB SERVICE

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION
HARTFORD 06115

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COMMISSIONER

January 1981

Employment in Connecticut reached its highest level in twelve months as personal income and average weekly earnings again were at record highs during December, State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro reports. Other economic indicators also improved in the final month of 1980.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Total nonagricultural employment rose by 7,800 to 1,418,990, the highest level in 1980 and the fourth highest statewide total ever. Growth from November was led by the retail trade industry, with only construction and health services showing any significant declines.

Average weekly earnings of factory production workers rose to $314.71, an increase of $5.59 from November, and the average workweek was up slightly to 42.3 hours. Computed on a straight-time 40-hour basis, weekly earnings totaled $287.20, or $7.18 per hour, 2 percent higher than November and 11.3 percent above December 1979.

Unemployment: Seasonal shutdowns and temporary factory inventory closings boosted unemployment to 100,700. The actual and seasonally adjusted unemployment rates of 6.2 percent and 6.5 percent, respectively, once again remained below the comparable national rates of 6.9 and 7.4. The Danielson (10.5), Ansonia (10.2) and Bristol (9.5) labor market areas had the highest unemployment rates while Stamford (4.3), Norwalk (4.8) and Willimantic (4.8) had the lowest. Included in the unemployment estimate were those persons receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits had expired, those people entering or reentering the labor force and workers who were not entitled to wages during the seasonal closings.

Other Indicators: Seven of the eight seasonally adjusted economic indicators showed improvement, including gains in new auto registrations. Initial (new) claims for unemployment compensation dropped while manufacturing output made its greatest advance since June and factory new hires reached a seven-month high. Personal income advanced to an all-time high of $2,842 million.

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Cuban/Haitian Entrants Granted VISA Extension (See Page 8)

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# CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

December 1980

| | Dec. 1980 | Nov. 1980 | Dec. (R) 1979 | % Change Dec. '80 over Nov. '80 | % Change Dec. '80 over Dec. '79 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Nonag. Employment..... | 1,418,990* | 1,411,190* | 1,431,990* | + 0.5 | + 0.9 |
| Manufacturing..... | 428,910* | 426,090* | 440,780* | + 0.7 | - 2.7 |
| Metallic Manufacturing.. | 314,280* | 311,990* | 321,740* | + 0.7 | - 2.3 |
| Primary Metals..... | 18,160* | 17,910 | 21,950* | + 1.4 | - 17.3 |
| Fabricated Metals..... | 62,390 | 61,860* | 65,280* | + 0.9 | - 4.4 |
| Machinery, Ex. Elec... | 61,240 | 60,560* | 63,300 | + 1.1 | - 3.2 |
| Electrical Equipment.. | 46,930 | 46,850* | 49,850* | + 0.2 | - 5.9 |
| Transp. Equip..... | 92,100 | 91,590 | 88,060* | + 0.6 | + 4.6 |
| Instruments & Clocks.. | 25,250 | 25,020 | 24,780 | + 0.9 | + 1.9 |
| Other Metallic Mfg.... | 8,210 | 8,200 | 8,520 | + 0.1 | - 3.6 |
| Nonmetallic Mfg..... | 114,630* | 114,100* | 119,040* | + 0.5 | - 3.7 |
| Food..... | 12,290 | 12,420 | 12,710 | - 1.1 | - 3.3 |
| Textiles..... | 7,450 | 7,370 | 9,140 | + 1.1 | - 18.5 |
| Apparel..... | 11,080 | 10,900 | 11,040 | + 1.6 | + 0.4 |
| Furniture & Lumber.... | 6,940 | 6,910 | 6,740 | + 0.4 | + 3.0 |
| Paper..... | 9,120 | 9,150 | 9,300 | - 0.3 | - 1.9 |
| Printing & Publishing. | 24,350 | 24,080 | 24,720* | + 1.1 | - 1.5 |
| Chemicals..... | 17,770 | 17,600 | 17,670 | + 1.0 | - 0.6 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plast.. | 12,220* | 12,240* | 13,480 | - 0.2 | - 9.4 |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg. | 13,410 | 13,430 | 14,240 | - 0.2 | - 5.8 |
| Nonmanufacturing..... | 990,080* | 985,100* | 991,210* | + 0.5 | - 0.1 |
| Construction..... | 48,050 | 49,720 | 51,990 | - 3.4 | - 7.6 |
| Trans. (Inc. R.R.).... | 33,650 | 33,590 | 34,710 | + 0.2 | - 3.1 |
| Communications..... | 17,950 | 17,910 | 17,300 | + 0.2 | + 3.8 |
| Utilities..... | 10,810 | 10,780 | 11,000 | + 0.3 | - 1.7 |
| Trade..... | 311,130* | 306,590* | 312,570 | + 1.5 | - 0.5 |
| Wholesale..... | 76,690* | 76,390* | 74,880 | + 0.4 | + 2.4 |
| Retail..... | 167,350 | 163,270 | 170,690 | + 2.5 | - 2.0 |
| Restaurants..... | 67,090 | 66,930 | 67,000 | + 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| Finance & Real Estate. | 45,470 | 45,210 | 44,360 | + 0.6 | + 2.5 |
| Insurance..... | 58,640 | 58,240 | 56,950 | + 0.7 | + 3.0 |
| Service..... | 281,530* | 280,940 | 279,150* | + 0.2 | + 0.8 |
| Hotels..... | 6,290 | 6,290 | 6,450 | 0.0 | - 2.5 |
| Laundries & Per.Serv | 14,120 | 14,020 | 14,530 | + 0.7 | - 2.8 |
| Health Services..... | 93,480* | 93,780 | 91,450* | - 0.3 | + 2.2 |
| Law & Professional.. | 19,650 | 19,610 | 18,810 | + 0.2 | + 4.5 |
| Other Services..... | 147,990 | 147,240 | 147,910 | + 0.5 | + 0.1 |
| Government..... | 182,850 | 182,120 | 183,180 | + 0.4 | - 0.2 |
| Federal..... | 22,380 | 22,090 | 21,680 | + 1.3 | + 3.2 |
| State & Local..... | 160,470 | 160,030 | 161,500 | + 0.3 | - 0.6 |

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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# E A R N I N G S  A N D  H O U R S  -  D E C E M B E R  1 9 8 0

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Dec. 1980 | Nov. 1980 | Dec. 1979 | Dec. 1980 | Nov. 1980 | Dec. 1979 | Dec. 1980 | Nov. 1980 | Dec. 1979 |
| Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers) | $314.71 | $309.12 | $291.72 | 42.3 | 42.0 | 42.9 | $7.44 | $7.36 | $6.80 |
| Metallic Manufacturing..... | 327.08 | 321.72 | 305.37 | 42.7 | 42.5 | 43.5 | 7.66 | 7.57 | 7.02 |
| Primary Metals..... | 354.53 | 335.20 | 340.92 | 43.5 | 41.9 | 45.7 | 8.15 | 8.00 | 7.46 |
| Fabricated Metals..... | 292.50 | 289.59 | 267.07 | 42.7 | 42.4 | 42.8 | 6.85 | 6.83 | 6.24 |
| Machinery..... | 356.53 | 349.31 | 335.70 | 43.8 | 43.5 | 45.0 | 8.14 | 8.03 | 7.46 |
| Electrical Equipment..... | 250.10 | 247.46 | 230.31 | 40.8 | 40.5 | 41.2 | 6.13 | 6.11 | 5.59 |
| Transportation Equipment.. | 394.62 | 380.57 | 372.24 | 42.8 | 43.1 | 44.0 | 9.22 | 8.83 | 8.46 |
| Instruments & Clocks..... | 299.78 | 298.28 | 272.36 | 43.7 | 43.8 | 44.0 | 6.86 | 6.81 | 6.19 |
| Other Metallic Mfg..... | 264.55 | 256.63 | 234.89 | 41.4 | 40.8 | 41.5 | 6.39 | 6.29 | 5.66 |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing... | 280.44 | 274.86 | 252.97 | 41.0 | 40.6 | 41.0 | 6.84 | 6.77 | 6.17 |
| Food..... | 301.70 | 301.07 | 283.75 | 41.5 | 41.7 | 42.1 | 7.27 | 7.22 | 6.74 |
| Textiles..... | 230.83 | 215.44 | 217.66 | 41.0 | 39.1 | 42.1 | 5.63 | 5.51 | 5.17 |
| Apparel..... | 170.64 | 169.20 | 160.24 | 36.0 | 36.0 | 36.5 | 4.74 | 4.70 | 4.39 |
| Lumber & Furniture..... | 227.93 | 227.05 | 211.86 | 40.2 | 40.4 | 40.9 | 5.67 | 5.62 | 5.18 |
| Paper..... | 361.37 | 341.71 | 323.18 | 47.3 | 45.5 | 46.5 | 7.64 | 7.51 | 6.95 |
| Printing & Publishing..... | 281.94 | 276.72 | 254.93 | 38.1 | 37.7 | 37.6 | 7.40 | 7.34 | 6.78 |
| Chemicals..... | 346.46 | 341.51 | 314.39 | 42.2 | 41.8 | 42.6 | 8.21 | 8.17 | 7.38 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics... | 283.56 | 277.12 | 251.45 | 41.7 | 41.3 | 41.7 | 6.80 | 6.71 | 6.03 |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg..... | 292.72 | 296.96 | 253.58 | 42.3 | 43.1 | 41.3 | 6.92 | 6.89 | 6.14 |
| Construction..... | 465.70 | 467.60 | 404.83 | 39.3 | 40.0 | 38.3 | 11.85 | 11.69 | 10.57 |

# U N E M P L O Y M E N T  I N  C O N N E C T I C U T  B Y  A R E A

| | Dec. 1980 Number | Dec. 1980 Ratio to Labor Force | Nov. 1980 Number | Nov. 1980 Ratio to Labor Force | Dec. 1979(R) Number | Dec. 1979(R) Ratio to Labor Force |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| State Totals*-Actual..... | 100,700 | 6.2 | 93,000 | 5.8 | 79,900 | 5.0 |
| Seasonally Adjusted..... | | (6.5) | | (6.3) | | (5.3) |
| Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted) | | | | | | |
| Ansonia..... | 1,800 | 10.2 | 1,400 | 8.4 | 1,200 | 6.8 |
| Bridgeport..... | 11,800 | 5.9 | 11,900 | 6.0 | 9,500 | 4.9 |
| Bristol..... | 3,500 | 9.5 | 3,100 | 8.6 | 2,300 | 6.0 |
| Danbury..... | 5,000 | 5.7 | 5,000 | 5.7 | 4,400 | 5.0 |
| Danielson..... | 3,300 | 10.5 | 2,800 | 9.0 | 2,300 | 7.4 |
| Hartford..... | 23,000 | 5.8 | 20,000 | 5.1 | 18,700 | 4.8 |
| Meriden..... | 2,400 | 9.2 | 2,200 | 8.4 | 1,400 | 5.4 |
| Middletown..... | 3,200 | 5.2 | 2,900 | 4.8 | 2,800 | 4.6 |
| New Britain..... | 4,700 | 6.2 | 4,200 | 5.6 | 3,700 | 5.0 |
| New Haven..... | 14,000 | 6.7 | 14,000 | 6.6 | 10,200 | 5.0 |
| New London-Norwich..... | 6,300 | 6.0 | 5,900 | 5.7 | 5,400 | 5.2 |
| Norwalk..... | 3,800 | 4.8 | 3,500 | 4.5 | 3,200 | 4.2 |
| Stamford..... | 5,300 | 4.3 | 4,600 | 3.7 | 4,600 | 3.8 |
| Torrington..... | 3,400 | 8.3 | 2,900 | 7.2 | 2,600 | 6.2 |
| Waterbury..... | 8,000 | 7.4 | 7,400 | 6.8 | 6,600 | 5.9 |
| Willimantic..... | 1,200 | 4.8 | 1,200 | 4.9 | 1,000 | 4.0 |
| U.S. Total-Actual.....7,233,000 | | 6.9 | 7,486,000 | 7.1 | 5,836,000 | 5.6 |
| Seasonally Adjusted..... | --- | (7.4) | --- | (7.5) | --- | (6.0) |

*State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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## U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967=100)

| | Dec. '80 | Nov. '80 | Dec. '79 |
|---|---|---|---|
| All Items..... | 258.4 | 256.2 | 229.9 |
| Percent Change From.... | xxx | + 0.9 | +12.4 |

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area | Dec.'80 | Nov.'80 | Dec.'79(R) | Percent Change to December 1980 from: Nov.'80 | Dec.'79 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ANSONIA | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 8,510 | 8,530 | 8,870 | - 0.2 | - 4.1 |
| Manufacturing | 3,220 | 3,260 | 3,500 | - 1.2 | - 8.0 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 5,290 | 5,270 | 5,370 | + 0.4 | - 1.5 |
| BRIDGEPORT | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 172,400 | 171,140 | 168,090 | + 0.7 | + 2.6 |
| Manufacturing | 64,950 | 64,750 | 65,780 | + 0.3 | - 1.3 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 107,450 | 106,390 | 102,310 | + 1.0 | + 5.0 |
| BRISTOL | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 23,710 | 23,550 | 25,590 | + 0.7 | - 7.3 |
| Manufacturing | 10,230 | 10,140 | 12,400 | + 0.9 | -17.5 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 13,480 | 13,410 | 13,190 | + 0.5 | + 2.2 |
| DANBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 64,020 | 63,730*(R) | 62,930 | + 0.5 | + 1.7 |
| Manufacturing | 21,160 | 21,090* | 20,960 | + 0.3 | + 1.0 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 42,860 | 42,640(R) | 41,970 | + 0.5 | + 2.1 |
| DANIELSON | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 21,330 | 21,270 | 21,690* | + 0.3 | - 1.7 |
| Manufacturing | 10,270 | 10,200 | 10,580* | + 0.7 | - 2.9 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 11,060 | 11,070 | 11,110 | - 0.1 | - 0.5 |
| HARTFORD | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 404,330* | 401,910* | 397,530* | + 0.6 | + 1.7 |
| Manufacturing | 99,050 | 98,900* | 98,250* | + 0.2 | + 0.8 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 305,280* | 303,010 | 299,280* | + 0.7 | + 2.0 |
| MERIDEN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 20,850* | 20,840 | 22,090 | + 0.1 | - 5.6 |
| Manufacturing | 5,330* | 5,440 | 5,860 | - 2.0 | - 9.0 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 15,520 | 15,400 | 16,230 | + 0.8 | - 4.4 |
| MIDDLETOWN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 48,220* | 47,880* | 48,420 | + 0.7 | - 0.4 |
| Manufacturing | 15,930 | 15,810 | 16,910 | + 0.8 | - 5.8 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 32,290* | 32,070* | 31,510 | + 0.7 | + 2.5 |
| NEW BRITAIN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 62,620* | 61,920* | 63,090 | + 1.1 | - 0.7 |
| Manufacturing | 28,410* | 27,630* | 29,990 | + 2.8 | - 5.3 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 34,210 | 34,290 | 33,100 | - 0.2 | + 3.4 |
| NEW HAVEN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 197,040 | 196,120* | 190,890* | + 0.5 | + 3.2 |
| Manufacturing | 42,390 | 42,170 | 46,260* | + 0.5 | - 8.4 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 154,650 | 153,950* | 144,630 | + 0.5 | + 6.9 |
| NEW LONDON-NORWICH | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 92,520* | 91,580 | 88,600* | + 1.0 | + 4.4 |
| Manufacturing | 34,990 | 34,770 | 33,020* | + 0.6 | + 6.0 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 57,530* | 56,810 | 55,580 | + 1.3 | + 3.5 |
| NORWALK | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 64,920 | 64,510 | 62,310 | + 0.6 | + 4.2 |
| Manufacturing | 20,840 | 20,810 | 20,000 | + 0.1 | + 4.2 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 44,080 | 43,700 | 42,310 | + 0.9 | + 4.2 |

## AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area | Dec.'80 | Nov.'80 | Dec.'79(R) | Percent Change to December 1980 from: Nov.'80 | Dec.'79 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| STAMFORD | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 111,360 | 110,200 | 108,880 | + 1.1 | + 2.3 |
| Manufacturing | 31,670 | 31,590 | 31,410 | + 0.3 | + 0.8 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 79,690 | 78,610 | 77,470 | + 1.4 | + 2.9 |
| TORRINGTON | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 29,220 | 29,190 | 29,660* | + 0.1 | - 1.5 |
| Manufacturing | 10,280 | 10,350 | 10,930* | - 0.7 | - 5.9 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 18,940 | 18,840 | 18,730 | + 0.5 | + 1.1 |
| WATERBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 87,780* | 88,120 | 90,390* | - 0.4 | - 2.9 |
| Manufacturing | 31,220 | 31,090 | 33,690* | + 0.4 | - 7.3 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 56,560* | 57,030 | 56,700 | - 0.8 | - 0.2 |
| WILLIMANTIC | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 19,610 | 19,540 | 19,660 | + 0.4 | - 0.3 |
| Manufacturing | 2,770 | 2,780 | 2,990 | - 0.4 | - 7.4 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 16,840 | 16,760 | 16,670 | + 0.5 | + 1.0 |

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

## EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA - DECEMBER 1980

### MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

| | Average Weekly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Dec.'80 | Nov.'80 | Dec.'79 | Dec.'80 | Nov.'80 | Dec.'79 | Dec.'80 | Nov.'80 | Dec.'79 |
| Ansonia | $339.04 | $343.44 | $375.25 | 41.6 | 42.4 | 47.5 | $8.15 | $8.10 | $7.90 |
| Bridgeport | 330.81 | 323.57 | 304.59 | 43.3 | 42.8 | 43.7 | 7.64 | 7.56 | 6.97 |
| Bristol | 342.31 | 333.66 | 339.10 | 40.8 | 40.2 | 42.6 | 8.39 | 8.30 | 7.96 |
| Danbury | 308.48 | 300.59 | 275.52 | 45.1 | 44.4 | 44.8 | 6.84 | 6.77 | 6.15 |
| Danielson | 240.41 | 236.37 | 214.70 | 37.8 | 37.4 | 37.8 | 6.36 | 6.32 | 5.68 |
| Hartford | 343.57 | 330.72 | 336.68 | 43.0 | 42.4 | 44.3 | 7.99 | 7.80 | 7.60 |
| Meriden | 270.52 | 252.85 | 239.20 | 41.3 | 38.9 | 41.1 | 6.55 | 6.50 | 5.82 |
| Middletown | 333.48 | 328.97 | 317.15 | 42.0 | 41.8 | 42.4 | 7.94 | 7.87 | 7.48 |
| New Britain | 324.94 | 323.79 | 309.58 | 42.2 | 43.0 | 44.1 | 7.70 | 7.53 | 7.02 |
| New Haven | 297.23 | 282.91 | 285.91 | 42.1 | 40.3 | 41.8 | 7.06 | 7.02 | 6.84 |
| New London-Norwich | 308.39 | 316.76 | 281.00 | 40.9 | 41.9 | 40.2 | 7.54 | 7.56 | 6.99 |
| Norwalk | 317.44 | 313.60 | 278.66 | 44.9 | 44.8 | 44.8 | 7.07 | 7.00 | 6.22 |
| Stamford | 287.99 | 285.65 | 287.32 | 41.2 | 41.1 | 44.0 | 6.99 | 6.95 | 6.53 |
| Torrington | 234.43 | 230.11 | 206.85 | 40.7 | 40.3 | 40.4 | 5.76 | 5.71 | 5.12 |
| Waterbury | 269.44 | 259.36 | 249.37 | 42.7 | 41.9 | 42.7 | 6.31 | 6.19 | 5.84 |
| Willimantic | 262.47 | 263.12 | 231.92 | 43.6 | 44.0 | 44.6 | 6.02 | 5.98 | 5.20 |

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

# CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| | Employment Nonag. (Thous.) | | New Hire Rate Manufacturing | | Avg. Weekly Initial Claims | | Rate Total Unemployment | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. |
| 1979 | | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 1364.8 | 1384.8 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 7391 | 5292 | 5.6 | 5.1 |
| Feb.... | 1363.2 | 1391.1 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 4768 | 4921 | 5.7 | 5.2 |
| Mar.... | 1378.0 | 1397.7 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 3725 | 4346 | 5.5 | 5.1 |
| Apr.... | 1394.7 | 1392.6 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 4722 | 5342 | 5.2 | 5.2 |
| May.... | 1403.4 | 1393.3 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 3492 | 4602 | 4.8 | 5.0 |
| Jun.... | 1419.4 | 1394.1 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 4744 | 5624 | 5.3 | 5.2 |
| Jul.... | 1406.4 | 1415.4 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 9180 | 5741 | 5.5 | 5.3 |
| Aug.... | 1398.9 | 1409.5 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 4055 | 4714 | 4.9 | 4.9 |
| Sep.... | 1412.6 | 1405.2 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 3369 | 5287 | 4.7 | 5.2 |
| Oct.... | 1414.7 | 1405.6 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 3915 | 5347 | 4.7 | 5.2 |
| Nov.... | 1422.7 | 1409.6 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 4386 | 5671 | 4.8 | 5.2 |
| Dec.... | 1432.0 | 1414.1 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 9830 | 5720 | 5.0 | 5.3 |
| 1980 | | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 1401.2 | 1421.1 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 7301 | 5388 | 6.0 | 5.5 |
| Feb.... | 1397.7 | 1426.2 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 4513 | 4615 | 5.5 | 5.0 |
| Mar.... | 1404.7 | 1424.6 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 3752 | 4393 | 5.1 | 4.7 |
| Apr.... | 1411.1 | 1409.7 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 5179 | 5754 | 4.9 | 4.9 |
| May.... | 1415.0 | 1405.2 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 4807 | 6594 | 5.0 | 5.2 |
| Jun.... | 1417.8 | 1392.7 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 6289 | 7338 | 5.9 | 5.8 |
| Jul.... | 1395.8 | 1404.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 9917 | 6289 | 6.2 | 5.9 |
| Aug.... | 1386.5 | 1397.7 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 6643 | 7540 | 6.1 | 6.1 |
| Sep.... | 1403.4 | 1396.4 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 4175 | 6384 | 5.8 | 6.4 |
| Oct.... | 1405.4 | 1397.0 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 4256 | 5994 | 5.6 | 6.2 |
| Nov.... | 1411.2 | 1398.6 | 1.4(R) | 1.6(R) | 4464 | 5738 | 5.8 | 6.3 |
| Dec.... | 1419.0 | 1400.8 | 1.1(P) | 1.8(P) | 9094 | 5251 | 6.2 | 6.5 |

| | Personal Income Millions | New Auto Registrations | | Average Work-Week Hours | | Mfg. Output (1967=100) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Seasonally Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. |
| 1979 | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | $2434.8 | 10553 | 12428 | 42.7 | 42.8 | 114.3 | 110.6 |
| Feb.... | 2473.2 | 6062 | 7502 | 42.5 | 42.7 | 114.4 | 111.0 |
| Mar.... | 2483.8 | 14979 | 14335 | 42.6 | 42.6 | 116.0 | 113.1 |
| Apr.... | 2487.7 | 12418 | 13526 | 40.7 | 41.1 | 111.6 | 109.8 |
| May.... | 2503.7 | 15163 | 13235 | 41.5 | 41.7 | 113.1 | 111.5 |
| Jun.... | 2523.7 | 13662 | 10981 | 41.8 | 41.7 | 114.9 | 111.6 |
| Jul.... | 2558.3 | 12409 | 10230 | 41.6 | 41.7 | 99.5 | 112.2 |
| Aug.... | 2577.6 | 10027 | 8641 | 41.4 | 41.9 | 100.2 | 112.7 |
| Sep.... | 2592.5 | 8234 | 10365 | 41.9 | 41.9 | 113.8 | 110.6 |
| Oct.... | 2605.1 | 10676 | 10932 | 42.2 | 42.0 | 116.5 | 112.3 |
| Nov.... | 2631.4 | 12498 | 13943 | 42.7 | 42.3 | 119.2 | 113.7 |
| Dec.... | 2652.3 | 9863 | 10506 | 42.9 | 42.3 | 109.0 | 113.7 |
| 1980 | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 2672.8 | 8969 | 10564 | 42.6 | 42.6 | 121.1 | 117.2 |
| Feb.... | 2702.4 | 8265 | 10229 | 42.2 | 42.4 | 120.6 | 117.0 |
| Mar.... | 2706.0 | 13194 | 12650 | 42.2 | 42.2 | 121.9 | 118.8 |
| Apr.... | 2686.4 | 9931 | 10818 | 41.9 | 42.3 | 121.2 | 119.3 |
| May.... | 2696.9 | 9875 | 8617 | 41.8 | 42.0 | 120.0 | 118.3 |
| Jun.... | 2704.1 | 9868 | 7932 | 41.6 | 41.5 | 118.8 | 115.3 |
| Jul.... | 2747.7 | 9564 | 7885 | 41.3 | 41.4 | 100.7 | 113.5 |
| Aug.... | 2766.3 | 9916 | 8548 | 41.3 | 41.8 | 100.4 | 112.9 |
| Sep.... | 2786.4 | 9781 | 12319 | 41.3 | 41.3 | 116.2 | 112.9 |
| Oct.... | 2799.0 | 10032 | 10268 | 41.5 | 41.3 | 117.4 | 113.2 |
| Nov.... | 2810.3 | 8060 | 8996 | 42.0 | 41.5 | 120.2 | 114.7 |
| Dec.... | 2842.3 | 10979 | 11692 | 42.3 | 41.7 | 110.3 | 115.0 |

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## CUBAN/HAITIAN ENTRANTS GRANTED VISA EXTENSION TO JULY 15, 1981

Employers of Cuban/Haitian Entrants who have I-94 VISA forms whose status was scheduled to expire on January 15, 1981, should know that the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has issued a blanket extension of their status to July 15, 1981. In a policy letter dated January 9, 1981, the Central Office of INS states that Cuban/Haitian entrants whose documents are stamped with this January 15th expiration date need not, at this time, report to INS to have their status updated.

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# CONNECTICUT LABOR SITUATION

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COMMISSIONER

February 1981

Personal income in Connecticut continued its two-year climb and manufacturing output also increased in January while seasonal cutbacks prompted a decline in employment and higher unemployment, according to State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Total nonagricultural employment decreased by 21,900 from December because of normal seasonal losses in construction and post-holiday layoffs in retail trade. Compared to January 1980, 16,800 more persons were working (Page 2). Employment in manufacturing rose by 400 as the machinery and transportation equipment offset a loss in the fabricated metals group.

Average weekly earnings of factory production workers established a record high of $314.91, up by 20 cents from the previous month (Page 3). Average hourly earnings rose slightly while the average workweek was 42.1 hours compared with 42.3 in December. Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour basis, weekly earnings totaled $286 or $7.15 per hour, both up from the revised December figures. Weekly earnings were highest in the Hartford, Bristol and Ansonia areas (Page 6).

Unemployment: Each labor market area had a rise in unemployment in January (Page 4), but the statewide unemployment rate of 7.1 percent (6.5 percent seasonally adjusted) remained below the national rate of 8.2 percent (7.4 percent seasonally adjusted). Included in the unemployment estimate were those persons receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits had expired, those entering or reentering the labor force and workers who were not entitled to wages during temporary seasonal closings.

Other Indicators: Personal income of state residents rose by nearly $10 million while manufacturing output increased and the number of average weekly initial claims for benefits decreased. The factory new hire rate increased and new auto registrations declined (Page 7).

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NOTE: The January 1981 and last year's labor force, employment and unemployment estimates for Connecticut were revised with new data as mandated by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. These adjustments are made annually.

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# CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

January 1981

| | Jan. 1981 | Dec. (R) 1980 | Jan. (R) 1980 | % Change Jan. '81 over Dec. '80 | % Change Jan. '81 over Jan. '80 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Nonag. Employment.... | 1,420,500* | 1,442,400* | 1,409,000* | - 1.5 | + 0.8 |
| Manufacturing..... | 440,900* | 440,500* | 446,200* | + 0.1 | - 1.2 |
| Metallic Manufacturing. | 323,000* | 322,400* | 327,900* | + 0.2 | - 1.5 |
| Primary Metals..... | 20,700* | 20,700* | 22,100* | 0.0 | - 6.3 |
| Fabricated Metals.... | 64,900 | 65,400 | 67,900* | - 0.8 | - 4.4 |
| Machinery, Ex. Elec.. | 62,400 | 61,800 | 63,800* | + 1.0 | - 2.2 |
| Electrical Equipment. | 50,300 | 50,300 | 50,700 | 0.0 | - 0.8 |
| Transp. Equipment.... | 89,300 | 88,800 | 88,400* | + 0.6 | + 1.0 |
| Instruments & Clocks. | 27,000 | 27,000 | 26,600 | 0.0 | + 1.5 |
| Other Metallic Mfg... | 8,400 | 8,400 | 8,400 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Nonmetallic Mfg..... | 117,900* | 118,100 | 118,300* | - 0.2 | - 0.3 |
| Food..... | 13,000 | 12,600 | 12,700 | + 3.2 | + 2.4 |
| Textiles..... | 7,900 | 8,000 | 8,900 | - 1.2 | - 11.2 |
| Apparel..... | 10,900 | 11,100 | 10,500 | - 1.8 | + 3.8 |
| Furniture & Lumber... | 6,800 | 6,900 | 7,100 | - 1.4 | - 4.2 |
| Paper..... | 9,400 | 9,600 | 9,300 | - 2.1 | + 1.1 |
| Printing & Publishing | 24,500 | 24,300 | 24,200* | + 0.8 | + 1.2 |
| Chemicals..... | 18,600 | 18,400 | 17,900* | + 1.1 | + 3.9 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plast. | 13,700* | 14,000 | 14,000 | - 2.1 | - 2.1 |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg | 13,100 | 13,200 | 13,700* | - 0.8 | - 4.4 |
| Nonmanufacturing..... | 979,600* | 1,001,900 | 962,800* | - 2.2 | + 1.7 |
| Construction..... | 42,400 | 49,100 | 46,600 | - 13.6 | - 9.0 |
| Trans. (Inc. R.R.)... | 32,000 | 32,500 | 32,000 | - 1.5 | 0.0 |
| Communications..... | 18,200 | 18,200 | 17,700 | 0.0 | + 2.8 |
| Utilities..... | 10,900 | 10,900 | 11,000 | 0.0 | - 0.9 |
| Trade..... | 297,900* | 310,600 | 293,800 | - 4.1 | + 1.4 |
| Wholesale..... | 74,400* | 76,200 | 72,100 | - 2.4 | + 3.2 |
| Retail..... | 161,400 | 168,800 | 159,800 | - 4.4 | + 1.0 |
| Restaurants..... | 62,100 | 65,600 | 61,900 | - 5.3 | + 0.3 |
| Finance & Real Estate | 45,700 | 45,100 | 44,400 | + 1.3 | + 2.9 |
| Insurance..... | 59,900 | 58,900 | 57,600 | + 1.7 | + 4.0 |
| Service..... | 288,800* | 291,600 | 276,100* | - 1.0 | + 4.6 |
| Hotels..... | 5,500 | 6,000 | 5,600 | - 8.3 | - 1.8 |
| Laund. & Pers.Serv. | 14,000 | 14,000 | 14,300 | 0.0 | - 2.1 |
| Health Services.... | 97,400* | 96,200 | 93,200* | + 1.2 | + 4.5 |
| Law & Professional. | 20,500 | 20,300 | 19,100 | - 1.0 | + 7.3 |
| Other Services..... | 151,400 | 155,100 | 143,900 | - 2.4 | + 5.2 |
| Government..... | 183,800 | 185,000 | 183,600 | - 0.7 | + 0.1 |
| Federal..... | 21,800 | 21,800 | 21,100 | 0.0 | + 3.3 |
| State & Local | 162,000 | 163,200 | 162,500 | - 0.7 | - 0.3 |

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Jan. 1981 | Dec. 1980 | Jan. 1980 | Jan. 1981 | Dec. 1980 | Jan. 1980 | Jan. 1981 | Dec. 1980 | Jan. 1980 |
| Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers) | $314.91 | $314.71 | $290.11 | 42.1 | 42.3 | 42.6 | $7.48 | $7.44 | $6.81 |
| Metallic Manufacturing..... | 326.82 | 327.08 | 303.26 | 42.5 | 42.7 | 43.2 | 7.69 | 7.66 | 7.02 |
| Primary Metals..... | 358.00 | 354.53 | 342.46 | 43.5 | 43.5 | 45.6 | 8.23 | 8.15 | 7.51 |
| Fabricated Metals..... | 293.83 | 292.50 | 268.81 | 42.4 | 42.7 | 42.6 | 6.93 | 6.85 | 6.31 |
| Machinery..... | 359.10 | 356.53 | 338.10 | 43.9 | 43.8 | 44.9 | 8.18 | 8.14 | 7.53 |
| Electrical Equipment..... | 256.68 | 250.10 | 232.25 | 41.2 | 40.8 | 41.4 | 6.23 | 6.13 | 5.61 |
| Transportation Equipment.. | 379.26 | 394.62 | 354.75 | 42.0 | 42.8 | 43.0 | 9.03 | 9.22 | 8.25 |
| Instruments and Clocks.... | 301.78 | 299.78 | 273.56 | 43.8 | 43.7 | 43.7 | 6.89 | 6.86 | 6.26 |
| Other Metallic Mfg..... | 264.86 | 264.55 | 228.66 | 41.0 | 41.4 | 40.4 | 6.46 | 6.39 | 5.66 |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing... | 280.70 | 280.44 | 253.78 | 40.8 | 41.0 | 40.8 | 6.88 | 6.84 | 6.22 |
| Food..... | 303.16 | 301.70 | 285.69 | 41.7 | 41.5 | 42.2 | 7.27 | 7.27 | 6.77 |
| Textiles..... | 221.84 | 230.83 | 213.73 | 39.9 | 41.0 | 41.5 | 5.56 | 5.63 | 5.15 |
| Apparel..... | 170.88 | 170.64 | 160.45 | 35.6 | 36.0 | 36.3 | 4.80 | 4.74 | 4.42 |
| Lumber & Furniture..... | 226.29 | 227.93 | 205.42 | 39.7 | 40.2 | 40.2 | 5.70 | 5.67 | 5.11 |
| Paper..... | 352.12 | 361.37 | 326.90 | 46.7 | 47.3 | 46.5 | 7.54 | 7.64 | 7.03 |
| Printing & Publishing..... | 279.37 | 281.94 | 252.34 | 37.6 | 38.1 | 37.0 | 7.43 | 7.40 | 6.82 |
| Chemicals..... | 351.95 | 346.46 | 318.97 | 42.2 | 42.2 | 42.7 | 8.34 | 8.21 | 7.47 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics... | 287.85 | 283.56 | 250.50 | 41.9 | 41.7 | 41.2 | 6.87 | 6.80 | 6.08 |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg..... | 294.10 | 292.72 | 257.71 | 42.5 | 42.3 | 41.7 | 6.92 | 6.92 | 6.18 |
| Construction..... | 487.15 | 465.70 | 403.77 | 39.8 | 39.3 | 37.7 | 12.24 | 11.85 | 10.71 |

# UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

| | Jan. 1981 Number | Jan. 1981 Ratio to Labor Force | Dec. 1980(R) Number | Dec. 1980(R) Ratio to Labor Force | Jan. 1980(R) Number | Jan. 1980(R) Ratio to Labor Force |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| State Totals*-Actual..... | 113,000 | 7.1 | 94,000 | 5.8 | 97,300 | 6.1 |
| Seasonally Adjusted..... | | (6.5) | | (6.1) | | (5.6) |
| Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted) | | | | | | |
| Ansonia..... | 1,800 | 10.5 | 1,600 | 9.4 | 1,700 | 9.5 |
| Bridgeport..... | 14,200 | 7.2 | 11,000 | 5.5 | 12,700 | 6.5 |
| Bristol..... | 3,700 | 10.0 | 3,300 | 8.9 | 2,800 | 7.2 |
| Danbury..... | 6,400 | 7.0 | 4,700 | 5.2 | 5,100 | 5.9 |
| Danielson..... | 3,000 | 10.5 | 2,900 | 10.1 | 3,500 | 11.4 |
| Hartford..... | 24,200 | 6.2 | 21,300 | 5.4 | 19,200 | 5.1 |
| Meriden..... | 2,800 | 10.3 | 2,200 | 8.2 | 1,900 | 7.3 |
| Middletown..... | 3,700 | 6.1 | 3,000 | 4.9 | 3,100 | 5.3 |
| New Britain..... | 5,800 | 7.5 | 4,400 | 5.6 | 4,500 | 5.8 |
| New Haven..... | 15,100 | 7.4 | 13,000 | 6.2 | 12,900 | 6.2 |
| New London-Norwich..... | 7,000 | 6.7 | 5,900 | 5.6 | 6,300 | 6.0 |
| Norwalk..... | 3,800 | 5.1 | 3,500 | 4.5 | 3,600 | 4.8 |
| Stamford..... | 5,600 | 4.7 | 4,900 | 4.0 | 4,900 | 4.1 |
| Torrington..... | 4,100 | 10.0 | 3,200 | 7.7 | 3,900 | 9.3 |
| Waterbury..... | 10,500 | 9.6 | 8,000 | 7.3 | 10,100 | 9.0 |
| Willimantic..... | 1,300 | 5.3 | 1,100 | 4.3 | 1,100 | 4.4 |
| U.S. Total-Actual..... | 8,543,000 | 8.2 | 7,233,000 | 6.9 | 7,043,000 | 6.8 |
| Seasonally Adjusted..... | --- | (7.4) | --- | (7.4) | --- | (6.2) |

*State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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## U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967=100)

| | Jan. '81 | Dec. '80 | Jan. '80 |
|---|---|---|---|
| All Items..... | 260.5 | 258.4 | 233.2 |
| Percent Change From.... | xxx | + 0.8 | +11.7 |

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area | Jan.'81 | Dec.'80(R) | Jan.'80(R) | Percent Change to January 1981 from: Dec.'80 | Jan.'80 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ANSONIA | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 8,550 | 8,710 | 8,880 | - 1.8 | - 3.7 |
| Manufacturing | 3,200 | 3,190 | 3,470 | + 0.3 | - 7.8 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 5,350 | 5,520 | 5,410 | - 3.1 | - 1.1 |
| BRIDGEPORT | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 170,710 | 175,490 | 168,050 | - 2.7 | + 1.6 |
| Manufacturing | 65,960 | 65,760 | 65,990 | + 0.3 | - 0.1 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 104,750 | 109,730 | 102,060 | - 4.5 | + 2.6 |
| BRISTOL | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 23,780 | 23,760 | 25,130 | + 0.1 | - 5.4 |
| Manufacturing | 10,300 | 10,330 | 11,920 | - 0.3 | - 13.6 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 13,480 | 13,430 | 13,210 | + 0.4 | + 2.0 |
| DANBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 64,760 | 65,800 | 62,250 | - 1.6 | + 4.0 |
| Manufacturing | 21,920 | 21,840 | 21,430 | + 0.4 | + 2.3 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 42,840 | 43,960 | 40,820 | - 2.5 | + 4.9 |
| DANIELSON | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 19,660 | 19,910 | 19,850 | - 1.3 | - 1.0 |
| Manufacturing | 9,090 | 9,060 | 9,590 | + 0.3 | - 5.2 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 10,570 | 10,850 | 10,260 | - 2.6 | + 3.0 |
| HARTFORD | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 400,030 | 406,750 | 390,040 | - 1.7 | + 2.6 |
| Manufacturing | 99,690 | 99,410 | 100,220 | + 0.3 | - 0.5 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 300,340 | 307,340 | 289,820 | - 2.3 | + 3.6 |
| MERIDEN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 21,560* | 21,790* | 21,540 | - 1.1 | + 0.1 |
| Manufacturing | 5,930* | 5,830* | 6,270 | + 1.7 | - 5.4 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 15,630 | 15,960 | 15,270 | - 2.1 | + 2.4 |
| MIDDLETOWN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 46,790* | 47,820* | 46,030 | - 2.2 | + 1.7 |
| Manufacturing | 16,220 | 16,180 | 17,090 | + 0.2 | - 5.1 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 30,570* | 31,640* | 28,940 | - 3.4 | + 5.6 |
| NEW BRITAIN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 65,270* | 66,120* | 65,250 | - 1.3 | + 0.1 |
| Manufacturing | 30,240* | 30,020* | 31,360 | + 0.7 | - 3.6 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 35,030 | 36,100 | 33,890 | - 3.0 | + 3.4 |
| NEW HAVEN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 192,080 | 195,220 | 190,410* | - 1.6 | + 0.9 |
| Manufacturing | 41,600 | 42,130 | 45,120* | - 1.3 | - 7.8 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 150,480 | 153,090 | 145,290 | - 1.7 | + 3.6 |
| NEW LONDON-NORWICH | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 91,040 | 93,580 | 89,120* | - 2.7 | + 2.2 |
| Manufacturing | 35,510 | 35,690 | 34,270* | - 0.5 | + 3.6 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 55,530 | 57,890 | 54,850 | - 4.1 | + 1.2 |
| NORWALK | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 62,420 | 63,530 | 61,150 | - 1.7 | + 2.1 |
| Manufacturing | 21,020 | 21,050 | 20,240 | - 0.1 | + 3.9 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 41,400 | 42,480 | 40,910 | - 2.5 | + 1.2 |

## AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area | Jan.'81 | Dec.'80(R) | Jan.'80(R) | Percent Change to January 1981 from: Dec.'80 | Jan.'80 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| STAMFORD | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 108,360 | 110,170 | 106,400 | - 1.6 | + 1.8 |
| Manufacturing | 31,010 | 30,910 | 30,810 | + 0.3 | + 0.6 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 77,350 | 79,260 | 75,590 | - 2.4 | + 2.3 |
| TORRINGTON | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 28,730 | 29,710 | 29,120 | - 3.3 | - 1.3 |
| Manufacturing | 10,520 | 10,440 | 10,650 | + 0.8 | - 1.2 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 18,210 | 19,270 | 18,470 | - 5.5 | - 1.4 |
| WATERBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 87,560 | 88,300* | 88,970 | - 0.8 | - 1.6 |
| Manufacturing | 32,830 | 32,930 | 34,670 | - 0.3 | - 5.3 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 54,730 | 55,370* | 54,300 | - 1.2 | + 0.8 |
| WILLIMANTIC | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 19,480 | 20,280 | 19,230 | - 3.9 | + 1.3 |
| Manufacturing | 2,970 | 2,910 | 2,870 | + 2.1 | + 3.5 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 16,510 | 17,370 | 16,360 | - 5.0 | + 0.9 |

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

## EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA - JANUARY 1981

### MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

| | Average Weekly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Jan.'81 | Dec.'80 | Jan.'80 | Jan.'81 | Dec.'80 | Jan.'80 | Jan.'81 | Dec.'80 | Jan.'80 |
| Ansonia | $330.46 | $339.04 | $368.34 | 40.3 | 41.6 | 46.1 | $8.20 | $8.15 | $7.99 |
| Bridgeport | 327.17 | 330.81 | 306.42 | 42.6 | 43.3 | 43.9 | 7.68 | 7.64 | 6.98 |
| Bristol | 337.05 | 342.31 | 335.12 | 39.7 | 40.8 | 42.1 | 8.49 | 8.39 | 7.96 |
| Danbury | 308.25 | 308.48 | 272.27 | 45.0 | 45.1 | 44.2 | 6.85 | 6.84 | 6.16 |
| Danielson | 245.50 | 240.41 | 215.76 | 38.3 | 37.8 | 37.2 | 6.41 | 6.36 | 5.80 |
| Hartford | 338.44 | 343.57 | 321.10 | 42.2 | 43.0 | 43.1 | 8.02 | 7.99 | 7.45 |
| Meriden | 262.94 | 270.52 | 250.92 | 39.9 | 41.3 | 40.8 | 6.59 | 6.55 | 6.15 |
| Middletown | 323.46 | 333.48 | 296.53 | 41.1 | 42.0 | 40.9 | 7.87 | 7.94 | 7.25 |
| New Britain | 328.02 | 324.94 | 303.20 | 42.6 | 42.2 | 43.5 | 7.70 | 7.70 | 6.97 |
| New Haven | 285.20 | 297.23 | 281.11 | 40.0 | 42.1 | 41.4 | 7.13 | 7.06 | 6.79 |
| New London-Norwich | 307.63 | 308.39 | 287.12 | 40.8 | 40.9 | 40.9 | 7.54 | 7.54 | 7.02 |
| Norwalk | 322.11 | 317.44 | 285.38 | 44.8 | 44.9 | 44.8 | 7.19 | 7.07 | 6.37 |
| Stamford | 285.89 | 287.99 | 284.26 | 40.9 | 41.2 | 43.8 | 6.99 | 6.99 | 6.49 |
| Torrington | 232.03 | 234.43 | 209.68 | 39.8 | 40.7 | 40.4 | 5.83 | 5.76 | 5.19 |
| Waterbury | 270.72 | 269.44 | 247.28 | 42.3 | 42.7 | 41.7 | 6.40 | 6.31 | 5.93 |
| Willimantic | 265.70 | 262.47 | 244.00 | 43.7 | 43.6 | 48.8 | 6.08 | 6.02 | 5.00 |

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

# CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| | Employment Nonag. (Thous.) | | New Hire Rate Manufacturing | | Avg. Weekly Initial Claims | | Rate Total Unemployment | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. |
| 1980 | | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 1409.0 | 1429.0 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 7301 | 5388 | 6.1 | 5.6 |
| Feb.... | 1405.0 | 1433.7 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 4513 | 4615 | 5.7 | 5.2 |
| Mar.... | 1418.7 | 1438.9 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 3752 | 4393 | 5.6 | 5.2 |
| Apr.... | 1427.1 | 1425.7 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 5179 | 5754 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| May.... | 1435.5 | 1425.5 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 4807 | 6594 | 5.6 | 5.8 |
| Jun.... | 1440.1 | 1414.6 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 6289 | 7338 | 6.4 | 6.3 |
| Jul.... | 1413.9 | 1422.4 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 9917 | 6289 | 6.8 | 6.5 |
| Aug.... | 1404.4 | 1415.7 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 6643 | 7540 | 6.4 | 6.4 |
| Sep.... | 1420.5 | 1413.4 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 4175 | 6384 | 5.8 | 6.4 |
| Oct.... | 1427.5 | 1419.0 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 4256 | 5994 | 5.5 | 6.1 |
| Nov.... | 1435.6 | 1422.8 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 4464 | 5738 | 5.5 | 5.9 |
| Dec.... | 1442.4 | 1423.9 | 1.0(R) | 1.6(R) | 9094 | 5251 | 5.8 | 6.1 |
| 1981 | | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 1420.5 | 1440.7 | 1.5(P) | 1.6(P) | 7433 | 5486 | 7.1 | 6.5 |
| Feb.... | | | | | | | | |
| Mar.... | | | | | | | | |
| Apr.... | | | | | | | | |
| May.... | | | | | | | | |
| Jun.... | | | | | | | | |
| Jul.... | | | | | | | | |
| Aug.... | | | | | | | | |
| Sep.... | | | | | | | | |
| Oct.... | | | | | | | | |
| Nov.... | | | | | | | | |
| Dec.... | | | | | | | | |

| | Personal Income Millions | New Auto Registrations | | Average Work-Week Hours | | Mfg. Output (1967=100) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Seasonally Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. |
| 1980 | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 2672.8 | 8969 | 10564 | 42.6 | 42.6 | 121.1 | 117.2 |
| Feb.... | 2702.4 | 8265 | 10229 | 42.2 | 42.4 | 120.6 | 117.0 |
| Mar.... | 2706.0 | 13194 | 12650 | 42.2 | 42.2 | 121.9 | 118.8 |
| Apr.... | 2686.4 | 9931 | 10818 | 41.9 | 42.3 | 121.2 | 119.3 |
| May.... | 2696.9 | 9875 | 8617 | 41.8 | 42.0 | 120.0 | 118.3 |
| Jun.... | 2704.1 | 9868 | 7932 | 41.6 | 41.5 | 118.8 | 115.3 |
| Jul.... | 2747.7 | 9564 | 7885 | 41.3 | 41.4 | 100.7 | 113.5 |
| Aug.... | 2766.3 | 9916 | 8548 | 41.3 | 41.8 | 100.4 | 112.9 |
| Sep.... | 2786.4 | 9781 | 12319 | 41.3 | 41.3 | 116.2 | 112.9 |
| Oct.... | 2799.0 | 10032 | 10268 | 41.5 | 41.3 | 117.4 | 113.2 |
| Nov.... | 2810.3 | 8060 | 8996 | 42.0 | 41.5 | 120.2 | 114.7 |
| Dec.... | 2842.3 | 10979 | 11692 | 42.3 | 41.7 | 110.3 | 115.0 |
| 1981 | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 2851.9 | 9052 | 10662 | 42.1 | 42.1 | 119.7 | 115.9 |
| Feb.... | | | | | | | |
| Mar.... | | | | | | | |
| Apr.... | | | | | | | |
| May.... | | | | | | | |
| Jun.... | | | | | | | |
| Jul.... | | | | | | | |
| Aug.... | | | | | | | |
| Sep.... | | | | | | | |
| Oct.... | | | | | | | |
| Nov.... | | | | | | | |
| Dec.... | | | | | | | |

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# CONNECTICUT LABOR SITUATION

CONNECTICUT LABOR DEPARTMENT

JOB SERVICE

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION
HARTFORD 06115

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COMMISSIONER

March 1981

Unemployment dropped by more than 4,000 in February when there also was a slight decline in employment, and personal income of state residents once again reached a new record high, State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro reported.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonagricultural employment dipped by one-tenth of one percent, or 900 persons, during the month as retail trade and transportation equipment registered declines. These were offset by gains in such other industries as apparel and restaurants and government. Still, total employment of 1,420,600 exceeded the February 1980 level by almost 15,000 (page 2).

Average weekly earnings of factory workers dropped by 99 cents to $313.92 as fewer overtime hours shortened the average workweek from 42.1 to 41.8 hours. Hourly earnings of $7.51 represented a rise of three-cents from the previous month and 67-cents from a year ago. On a straight-time, 40-hour week basis, wages were $7.19 hourly and $287.60 weekly compared to January's earnings of $7.15 and $286 (page 3). A year ago, straight-time earnings were $6.53 hourly and $261.20 a week. Weekly earnings were highest in the Ansonia, Bristol and Hartford labor market areas (page 6).

Unemployment: Statewide joblessness declined by 4,100 to 108,900 in February as the rate went from 7.1 percent to 6.8 percent, substantially under the 8 percent February rate for the nation. The state's seasonally adjusted rate remained the same as the revised January figure of 5.9 percent, which compared with 7.3 in the country. Included in the unemployment estimate were persons receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits had expired and those entering or reentering the labor force. Eight labor market areas had lower unemployment, four remained unchanged and four recorded increases (page 4).

Other Indicators: For the tenth consecutive month, personal income increased and established an all-time high in February. Initial (new) weekly filings for unemployment benefits also declined. The manufacturing new hire rate and manufacturing output were down as well as new automobile registrations (page 7).

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A special report, "Labor Force and Unemployment in Connecticut by Race, 1979 and 1980 Annual Averages", is attached.

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# CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

February 1981

| | Feb. 1981 | Jan. 1981 (R) | Feb. (R) 1980 | % Change Feb. '81 over Jan. '81 | % Change Feb. '81 over Feb. '80 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Nonag. Employment.... | 1,420,600* | 1,421,500* | 1,405,900* | - 0.1 | + 1.1 |
| Manufacturing..... | 439,900* | 441,100* | 446,500* | - 0.3 | - 1.5 |
| Metallic Manufacturing... | 322,000* | 323,200* | 328,700* | - 0.4 | - 2.0 |
| Primary Metals..... | 20,600* | 20,700* | 21,900 | - 0.5 | - 5.9 |
| Fabricated Metals..... | 65,100 | 64,900 | 67,600 | + 0.3 | - 3.7 |
| Machinery, Ex. Elec.... | 62,300 | 62,400 | 64,200 | - 0.2 | - 3.0 |
| Electrical Equipment.... | 50,400 | 50,500 | 52,000 | - 0.2 | - 3.1 |
| Transp. Equipment..... | 88,200 | 89,300 | 87,800* | - 1.2 | + 0.5 |
| Instruments & Clocks.... | 27,200 | 27,000 | 26,600 | + 0.7 | + 2.3 |
| Other Metallic Mfg..... | 8,200 | 8,400 | 8,600 | - 2.4 | - 4.6 |
| Nonmetallic Mfg..... | 117,900 | 117,900* | 117,800* | 0.0 | + 0.1 |
| Food..... | 12,800 | 13,000 | 12,700 | - 1.5 | + 0.8 |
| Textiles..... | 8,000 | 7,900 | 8,800 | + 1.3 | - 9.1 |
| Apparel..... | 11,200 | 10,900 | 10,800 | + 2.7 | + 3.7 |
| Furniture & Lumber..... | 6,600 | 6,800 | 6,900 | - 2.9 | - 4.3 |
| Paper..... | 9,500 | 9,400 | 9,200 | + 1.1 | + 3.3 |
| Printing & Publishing... | 24,300 | 24,500 | 24,100 | - 0.8 | + 0.8 |
| Chemicals..... | 18,700 | 18,600 | 17,900 | + 0.5 | + 4.5 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plast.... | 13,800 | 13,700* | 13,900* | + 0.7 | - 0.7 |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg... | 13,000 | 13,100 | 13,500 | - 0.8 | - 3.7 |
| Nonmanufacturing..... | 980,700* | 980,400* (R) | 959,400* | + 0.0** | + 2.2 |
| Construction..... | 42,100 | 42,400 | 43,700 | - 0.7 | - 3.7 |
| Trans. (Inc. R.R.)..... | 31,900 | 32,000 | 31,500 | - 0.3 | + 1.3 |
| Communications..... | 18,300 | 18,200 | 17,700 | + 0.5 | + 3.4 |
| Utilities..... | 10,900 | 10,900 | 11,000 | 0.0 | - 0.9 |
| Trade..... | 294,900 | 297,900* | 290,800 | - 1.0 | + 1.4 |
| Wholesale..... | 74,400 | 74,400* | 71,900 | 0.0 | + 3.5 |
| Retail..... | 157,300 | 161,400 | 156,500 | - 2.5 | + 0.5 |
| Restaurants..... | 63,200 | 62,100 | 62,400 | + 1.8 | - 1.3 |
| Finance & Real Estate... | 45,800 | 45,700 | 44,000 | + 0.2 | + 4.1 |
| Insurance..... | 61,000 | 60,700(R) | 57,800 | + 0.5 | + 5.5 |
| Service..... | 290,700* | 288,800* | 277,300* | + 0.7 | + 4.8 |
| Hotels..... | 5,400 | 5,500 | 5,700 | - 1.8 | - 5.3 |
| Laund. & Pers. Serv.... | 13,900 | 14,000 | 14,100 | - 0.7 | - 1.4 |
| Health Services..... | 97,700* | 97,400* | 92,900* | - 0.3 | + 5.2 |
| Law & Professional..... | 20,600 | 20,500 | 19,200 | + 0.5 | - 7.3 |
| Other Services..... | 153,100 | 151,400 | 145,400 | + 1.1 | + 5.3 |
| Government..... | 185,100 | 183,800 | 185,600 | + 0.7 | - 0.3 |
| Federal..... | 21,800 | 21,800 | 21,400 | 0.0 | + 1.9 |
| State & Local..... | 163,300 | 162,000 | 164,200 | + 0.8 | - 0.6 |

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
** Less than 0.05 percent.
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# E A R N I N G S  A N D  H O U R S  -  F E B R U A R Y  1 9 8 1
Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Feb. 1981 | Jan. 1981 | Feb. 1980 | Feb. 1981 | Jan. 1981 | Feb. 1980 | Feb. 1981 | Jan. 1981 | Feb. 1980 |
| Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers) | $313.92 | $314.91 | $288.65 | 41.8 | 42.1 | 42.2 | $7.54 | $7.48 | $6.84 |
| Metallic Manufacturing..... | 326.98 | 326.82 | 302.44 | 42.3 | 42.5 | 42.9 | 7.73 | 7.69 | 7.05 |
| Primary Metals..... | 355.49 | 358.00 | 337.62 | 43.3 | 43.5 | 44.6 | 8.21 | 8.23 | 7.57 |
| Fabricated Metals..... | 298.64 | 293.83 | 267.34 | 42.6 | 42.4 | 42.3 | 7.01 | 6.93 | 6.32 |
| Machinery..... | 353.33 | 359.10 | 336.73 | 43.3 | 43.9 | 44.6 | 8.16 | 8.18 | 7.55 |
| Electrical Equipment..... | 257.48 | 256.68 | 231.09 | 41.0 | 41.2 | 40.9 | 6.28 | 6.23 | 5.65 |
| Transportation Equipment.. | 378.81 | 379.26 | 355.64 | 41.4 | 42.0 | 42.9 | 9.15 | 9.03 | 8.29 |
| Instruments and Clocks.... | 299.53 | 301.78 | 274.87 | 43.6 | 43.8 | 43.7 | 6.87 | 6.89 | 6.29 |
| Other Metallic Mfg..... | 269.28 | 264.86 | 238.21 | 41.3 | 41.0 | 41.5 | 6.52 | 6.46 | 5.74 |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing... | 279.45 | 280.70 | 250.26 | 40.5 | 40.8 | 40.3 | 6.90 | 6.88 | 6.21 |
| Food..... | 297.75 | 303.16 | 280.57 | 40.9 | 41.7 | 41.2 | 7.28 | 7.27 | 6.81 |
| Textiles..... | 225.18 | 221.84 | 213.00 | 40.5 | 39.9 | 41.2 | 5.56 | 5.56 | 5.17 |
| Apparel..... | 172.62 | 170.88 | 159.48 | 35.3 | 35.6 | 36.0 | 4.89 | 4.80 | 4.43 |
| Lumber & Furniture..... | 228.64 | 226.29 | 208.24 | 39.9 | 39.7 | 40.2 | 5.73 | 5.70 | 5.18 |
| Paper..... | 334.93 | 352.12 | 315.95 | 45.2 | 46.7 | 45.2 | 7.41 | 7.54 | 6.99 |
| Printing & Publishing..... | 284.24 | 279.37 | 251.71 | 37.4 | 37.6 | 36.8 | 7.60 | 7.43 | 6.84 |
| Chemicals..... | 354.05 | 351.95 | 318.75 | 42.3 | 42.2 | 42.5 | 8.37 | 8.34 | 7.50 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics... | 286.21 | 287.85 | 240.94 | 41.6 | 41.9 | 40.7 | 6.88 | 6.87 | 5.92 |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg..... | 296.65 | 294.10 | 256.68 | 42.5 | 42.5 | 41.2 | 6.98 | 6.92 | 6.23 |
| Construction..... | 477.85 | 487.15 | 410.93 | 39.2 | 39.8 | 37.7 | 12.19 | 12.24 | 10.90 |

# UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

| | Feb. 1981 Number | Feb. 1981 Ratio to Labor Force | Jan. 1981 Number | Jan. 1981 Ratio to Labor Force | Feb. 1980 (R) Number | Feb. 1980 (R) Ratio to Labor Force |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| State Totals*-Actual..... | 108,000 | 6.8 | 113,000 | 7.1 | 90,900 | 5.7 |
| Seasonally Adjusted.... | | (7.0) | | (6.9) | | (6.2) |
| Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted) | | | | | | |
| Ansonia..... | 2,100 | 12.0 | 1,800 | 10.3 | 1,600 | 9.0 |
| Bridgeport..... | 12,700 | 6.7 | 13,200 | 7.2 | 10,900 | 5.6 |
| Bristol..... | 2,700 | 10. | 2,[illegible] | 10.0 | 2,500 | 6.4 |
| Danbury..... | 6,100 | 6.7 | 6,400 | 7.0 | 5,200 | 6.0 |
| Danielson..... | 3,100 | 10.0 | 3,000 | 10.5 | 2,700 | 9.1 |
| Hartford..... | 23,000 | 6.1 | 24,200 | 6.2 | 18,800 | 5.0 |
| Meriden..... | 2,800 | 10.0 | 2,800 | 10.3 | 1,800 | 6.8 |
| Middletown..... | 3,700 | 6.2 | 3,700 | 6.1 | 3,100 | 5.1 |
| New Britain..... | 5,300 | 7.1 | 5,800 | 7.5 | 4,300 | 5.5 |
| New Haven..... | 14,600 | 7.2 | 15,100 | 7.4 | 13,100 | 6.4 |
| New London-Norwich..... | 6,600 | 6.3 | 7,000 | 6.7 | 5,900 | 5.7 |
| Norwalk..... | 4,000 | 5.4 | 3,800 | 5.1 | 3,300 | 4.5 |
| Stamford..... | 5,000 | 4.6 | 5,600 | 4.7 | 5,200 | 4.4 |
| Torrington..... | 4,200 | 10.3 | 4,100 | 10.0 | 3,000 | 7.5 |
| Waterbury..... | 9,700 | 9.0 | 10,500 | 9.6 | 7,800 | 7.1 |
| Willimantic..... | 1,300 | 5.1 | 1,300 | 5.3 | 1,200 | 4.7 |
| U.S. Total-Actual..... | 8,425,000 | 8.0 | 8,593,000 | 8.2 | 6,993,000 | 6.8 |
| Seasonally Adjusted..... | | (7.3) | | (7.4) | | (6.2) |

*State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
(R) Revised

## U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967=100)

| | Feb. '81 | Jan. '81 | Feb. '80 |
|---|---|---|---|
| All Items..... | 263.2 | 260.5 | 236.4 |
| Percent Change from.... | XXX | + 1.0 | +11.3 |

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area | Feb.'81 | Jan.'81 | Feb.'80(R) | Percent Change to February 1981 from: Jan.'81 | Feb.'80 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ANSONIA | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 8,490 | 8,550 | 8,870 | - 0.7 | - 4.3 |
| Manufacturing | 3,160 | 3,200 | 3,510 | - 1.3 | - 10.0 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 5,330 | 5,350 | 5,360 | - 0.4 | - 0.6 |
| BRIDGEPORT | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 168,700 | 170,700 | 166,740 | - 1.2 | + 1.2 |
| Manufacturing | 65,720 | 65,960 | 66,130 | - 0.4 | - 0.6 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 102,980 | 104,750 | 100,610 | - 1.7 | + 2.4 |
| BRISTOL | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 23,700 | 23,780 | 24,950 | - 0.3 | - 5.0 |
| Manufacturing | 10,310 | 10,300 | 11,860 | + 0.1 | - 13.1 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 13,390 | 13,480 | 13,090 | - 0.7 | + 2.3 |
| DANBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 64,300 | 64,860(R) | 60,660 | - 0.9 | + 6.0 |
| Manufacturing | 21,870 | 21,920 | 20,910 | - 0.2 | + 4.6 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 42,430 | 42,940(R) | 39,750 | - 1.2 | + 6.7 |
| DANIELSON | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 19,750 | 19,660 | 19,980 | + 0.5 | - 1.2 |
| Manufacturing | 9,230 | 9,090 | 9,690 | + 1.5 | - 4.7 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 10,520 | 10,570 | 10,290 | - 0.5 | + 2.2 |
| HARTFORD | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 398,090* | 400,030* | 388,880* | - 0.5 | + 2.4 |
| Manufacturing | 98,820 | 99,690 | 100,120* | - 0.9 | - 1.3 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 299,270* | 300,340* | 288,760* | - 0.4 | + 3.6 |
| MERIDEN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 21,250 | 21,460*(R) | 21,260 | - 1.0 | - 0.5 |
| Manufacturing | 6,000 | 5,930* | 6,220 | + 1.2 | - 3.5 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 15,250 | 15,530 (R) | 15,040 | - 1.8 | + 1.4 |
| MIDDLETOWN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 46,840 | 46,790 | 46,490 | + 0.1 | + 0.8 |
| Manufacturing | 16,140 | 16,220 | 16,990 | - 0.5 | - 5.0 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 30,700 | 30,570 | 29,500 | + 0.4 | + 4.1 |
| NEW BRITAIN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 64,750* | 65,270* | 65,110* | - 0.8 | - 0.6 |
| Manufacturing | 30,120* | 30,240* | 31,160* | - 0.4 | - 3.3 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 34,630 | 35,030 | 33,950 | - 1.1 | + 2.0 |
| NEW HAVEN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 190,080 | 191,180(R) | 191,160* | - 0.6 | - 0.6 |
| Manufacturing | 41,180 | 41,600 | 45,100 | - 1.0 | - 8.7 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 148,900 | 149,580(R) | 146,060* | - 0.5 | + 1.9 |
| NEW LONDON-NORWICH | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 91,570 | 91,610(R) | 88,820* | - 0.1 | + 3.1 |
| Manufacturing | 35,980 | 35,510 | 34,330* | + 1.3 | + 4.8 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 55,590 | 56,100(R) | 54,490 | - 0.9 | + 2.0 |
| NORWALK | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 61,940 | 62,420 | 60,710 | - 0.8 | + 2.0 |
| Manufacturing | 21,040 | 21,020 | 20,290 | + 0.1 | + 3.7 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 40,900 | 41,400 | 40,420 | - 1.2 | + 1.2 |

## AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area | Feb.'81 | Jan.'81 | Feb.'80(R) | Percent Change to February 1981 from: Jan.'81 | Feb.'80 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| STAMFORD | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 108,130 | 109,030(R) | 106,200 | - 0.8 | + 1.8 |
| Manufacturing | 31,780 | 31,830(R) | 31,700 | - 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 76,350 | 77,200(R) | 74,500 | - 1.1 | + 2.5 |
| DANBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 28,380 | 28,730 | 28,620 | - 1.2 | - 0.8 |
| Manufacturing | 10,410 | 10,520 | 10,640 | - 1.0 | - 2.2 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 17,970 | 18,210 | 17,980 | - 1.3 | - 0.1 |
| WATERBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 87,190* | 87,560 | 88,990 | - 0.4 | - 2.0 |
| Manufacturing | 32,830* | 32,830 | 34,780 | 0.0 | - 5.6 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 54,360 | 54,730 | 54,210 | - 0.7 | + 0.3 |
| WILLIMANTIC | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 19,880 | 19,480 | 19,940 | + 2.1 | - 0.3 |
| Manufacturing | 3,000 | 2,970 | 2,890 | + 1.0 | + 3.8 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 16,880 | 16,510 | 17,050 | + 2.2 | - 1.0 |

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
(R) Revised
Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

## EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA - FEBRUARY 1981

### MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

| | Average Weekly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Feb.'81 | Jan.'81 | Feb.'80 | Feb.'81 | Jan.'81 | Feb.'80 | Feb.'81 | Jan.'81 | Feb.'80 |
| Ansonia | $339.48 | $330.46 | $369.60 | 41.0 | 40.3 | 46.2 | $8.28 | $8.20 | $8.00 |
| Bridgeport | 329.13 | 327.17 | 303.53 | 42.8 | 42.6 | 43.3 | 7.69 | 7.68 | 7.01 |
| Bristol | 338.12 | 337.05 | 339.39 | 39.5 | 39.7 | 41.9 | 8.56 | 8.49 | 8.10 |
| Danbury | 309.77 | 308.25 | 270.32 | 44.7 | 45.0 | 43.6 | 6.93 | 6.85 | 6.20 |
| Danielson | 248.84 | 245.63 | 219.75 | 38.7 | 38.2 | 37.5 | 6.43 | 6.43 | 5.86 |
| Hartford | 336.04 | 338.44 | 318.22 | 41.9 | 42.2 | 42.6 | 8.02 | 8.02 | 7.47 |
| Meriden | 268.66 | 262.94 | 251.74 | 40.4 | 39.9 | 41.0 | 6.65 | 6.59 | 6.14 |
| Middletown | 321.91 | 323.46 | 294.03 | 40.8 | 41.1 | 40.5 | 7.89 | 7.87 | 7.26 |
| New Britain | 326.83 | 328.02 | 290.28 | 42.5 | 42.6 | 42.5 | 7.69 | 7.70 | 6.83 |
| New Haven | 281.06 | 285.20 | 269.33 | 39.2 | 40.0 | 39.9 | 7.17 | 7.13 | 6.75 |
| New London-Norwich | 311.95 | 307.63 | 291.81 | 41.1 | 40.8 | 41.1 | 7.59 | 7.54 | 7.10 |
| Norwalk | 323.90 | 322.11 | 277.06 | 44.8 | 44.8 | 43.7 | 7.23 | 7.19 | 6.34 |
| Stamford | 287.82 | 285.89 | 276.69 | 41.0 | 40.9 | 43.3 | 7.02 | 6.99 | 6.39 |
| Torrington | 235.53 | 232.03 | 209.84 | 40.4 | 39.8 | 40.2 | 5.83 | 5.83 | 5.22 |
| Waterbury | 272.63 | 270.30 | 248.35 | 42.4 | 42.3 | 41.6 | 6.43 | 6.39 | 5.97 |
| Willimantic | 265.67 | 265.70 | 237.10 | 44.5 | 43.7 | 46.4 | 5.97 | 6.08 | 5.11 |

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

# CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| | Employment Nonag. (Thous.) | | New Hire Rate Manufacturing | | Av. Weekly Initial Claims | | Rate Total Unemployment | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. |
| 1980 | | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 1409.8 | 1427.6 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 7301 | 5213 | 6.1 | 5.5 |
| Feb.... | 1405.9 | 1429.5 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 4513 | 4843 | 5.7 | 5.2 |
| Mar.... | 1418.1 | 1436.3 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 3752 | 4641 | 5.6 | 5.2 |
| Apr.... | 1426.5 | 1424.8 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 5179 | 5708 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| May.... | 1434.9 | 1423.8 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 4807 | 6444 | 5.6 | 5.8 |
| Jun.... | 1439.5 | 1414.3 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 6289 | 7154 | 6.4 | 6.3 |
| Jul.... | 1413.3 | 1422.2 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 9917 | 6382 | 6.8 | 6.5 |
| Aug.... | 1403.7 | 1418.2 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 6643 | 6956 | 6.4 | 6.4 |
| Sep.... | 1419.9 | 1415.8 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 4175 | 6639 | 5.8 | 6.4 |
| Oct.... | 1426.9 | 1419.6 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 4256 | 6129 | 5.5 | 6.1 |
| Nov.... | 1434.9 | 1422.2 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 4464 | 5739 | 5.5 | 6.0 |
| Dec.... | 1441.8 | 1424.3 | 1.0(R) | 1.5 | 9094 | 5285 | 5.8 | 6.0 |
| 1981 | | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 1421.5 | 1438.8 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 7432 | 5305 | 7.1 | 5.9 |
| Feb.... | 1420.6 | 1443.7 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 4533 | 4864 | 6.8 | 5.9 |
| Mar.... | | | | | | | | |
| Apr.... | | | | | | | | |
| May.... | | | | | | | | |
| Jun.... | | | | | | | | |
| Jul.... | | | | | | | | |
| Aug.... | | | | | | | | |
| Sep.... | | | | | | | | |
| Oct.... | | | | | | | | |
| Nov.... | | | | | | | | |
| Dec.... | | | | | | | | |

| | Personal Income Millions | New Auto Registrations | | Average Work-Week Hours | | Mfg. Output (1967=100) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Seasonally Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. |
| 1980 | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 2672.8 | 8969 | 10175 | 42.6 | 42.4 | 121.1 | 116.6 |
| Feb.... | 2702.4 | 8265 | 10125 | 42.2 | 42.3 | 120.6 | 116.8 |
| Mar.... | 2706.0 | 13194 | 11325 | 42.2 | 42.1 | 121.9 | 116.9 |
| Apr.... | 2686.4 | 9931 | 10155 | 41.9 | 42.2 | 121.2 | 118.1 |
| May.... | 2696.9 | 9875 | 8903 | 41.8 | 42.0 | 120.0 | 116.8 |
| Jun.... | 2704.1 | 9868 | 8274 | 41.6 | 41.7 | 118.8 | 114.5 |
| Jul.... | 2747.7 | 9564 | 8646 | 41.3 | 41.6 | 100.5 | 113.1 |
| Aug.... | 2766.3 | 9916 | 8937 | 41.3 | 41.8 | 100.4 | 113.4 |
| Sep.... | 2786.4 | 9781 | 12069 | 41.3 | 41.4 | 116.2 | 114.2 |
| Oct.... | 2799.0 | 13032 | 12248 | 41.5 | 41.4 | 117.4 | 114.9 |
| Nov.... | 2810.3 | 8060 | 10056 | 42.0 | 41.6 | 120.2 | 116.1 |
| Dec.... | 2842.3 | 10979 | 11423 | 42.3 | 41.6 | 110.3 | 116.9 |
| 1981 | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 2888.1 | 9052 | 10275 | 42.1 | 41.9 | 119.7 | 115.2 |
| Feb.... | 2900.4 | 7491 | 9180 | 41.8 | 41.9 | 117.1 | 113.4 |
| Mar.... | | | | | | | |
| Apr.... | | | | | | | |
| May.... | | | | | | | |
| Jun.... | | | | | | | |
| Jul.... | | | | | | | |
| Aug.... | | | | | | | |
| Sep.... | | | | | | | |
| Oct.... | | | | | | | |
| Nov.... | | | | | | | |
| Dec.... | | | | | | | |

(R) Revised (P) Preliminary

Labor Force and Unemployment - By Race

1979 and 1980 Annual Averages

The information shown in the following table was taken from a U. S. Department of Labor press release of March 9, 1981. Data shown are annual averages and were compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) from information gathered in the U. S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey. A final, more detailed report containing all of this information with additional data on sex and occupational attachments will be published later in the year in the BLS's Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment -- 1980. For Connecticut and other small states this yearly report contains the only official current information regarding the race, sex and occupational composition of the civilian labor force.

An examination of the data reveals that, although employment in the United States rose by 325,000 from 1979 to 1980, the various racial groups did not share equally in these gains. Members of the "black and other" race lost 30,000 jobs in 1980 while the jobs held by persons in the "white" cohort increased by 355,000. Minorities did not do much better in New England where 44,000 jobs were added, the result of an addition of 70,000 by "white" workers and a loss of 26,000 by the "black and other" group. In Connecticut both white and nonwhite workers fared reasonably well as overall employment increased by 20,000. Nonwhite minorities filled 3,000 of these jobs and white workers 17,000. Among the large manufacturing industries here which managed to withstand last year's economic slowdown without too much damage were the transportation equipment, machinery and electrical equipment groups. In nonmanufacturing the insurance, finance and health service industries also made significant gains.

Nationally the unemployment rate rose by 1.3 percentage points from the 1979 level to a 7.1 percent average in 1980. In comparison, Connecticut's jobless rate rose by eight-tenths of a percentage point to 5.9 percent. Of the seven geographic units shown on the table, Connecticut had the lowest unemployment rate. Even among the states in New England, which do not appear on the table, Connecticut was tested only by New Hampshire which reported a rate of 4.7 percent unemployed. The racial breakout shows that unemployment in the "black and other" group improved in Connecticut, decreasing by 3.8 percentage points to a 10.5 percent rate, while the rate of joblessness among whites went up by a full point to 5.5 during the same period. Of the four major geographic divisions in the United States, the Northeast had the smallest unemployment rate increase for "black and other," up 0.7 to 13.1 percent. The lowest rate for unemployed whites was in the South, at 5.2 percent.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
CONNECTICUT, NEW ENGLAND, U.S. AND ITS FOUR DIVISIONS
1979 and 1980 ANNUAL AVERAGES - IN THOUSANDS
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

| | CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE | | EMPLOYMENT | | UNEMPLOYMENT ----NUMBER--- | | UNEMPLOYMENT ----RATE---- | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1980 | 1979 | 1980 | 1979 | 1980 | 1979 | 1980 | 1979 |
| **Totals** | | | | | | | | |
| U.S. Total | 104,719 | 102,908 | 97,270 | 96,945 | 7,448 | 5,963 | 7.1 | 5.8 |
| Connecticut | 1,616 | 1,581 | 1,520 | 1,500 | 95 | 81 | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| New England | 6,177 | 6,098 | 5,809 | 5,765 | 368 | 333 | 6.0 | 5.5 |
| Northeast | 23,119 | 22,970 | 21,473 | 21,454 | 1,646 | 1,517 | 7.1 | 6.6 |
| South | 33,118 | 32,402 | 30,990 | 30,668 | 2,128 | 1,734 | 6.4 | 5.4 |
| North Central | 28,333 | 28,110 | 26,011 | 26,570 | 2,322 | 1,540 | 8.2 | 5.5 |
| West | 20,125 | 19,427 | 18,757 | 18,254 | 1,368 | 1,174 | 6.8 | 6.0 |
| **White** | | | | | | | | |
| U.S. Total | 92,171 | 90,602 | 86,380 | 86,025 | 5,790 | 4,577 | 6.3 | 5.1 |
| Connecticut | 1,511 | 1,476 | 1,428 | 1,411 | 84 | 66 | 5.5 | 4.5 |
| New England | 5,941 | 5,830 | 5,595 | 5,525 | 346 | 305 | 5.8 | 5.2 |
| Northeast | 20,842 | 20,675 | 19,495 | 19,445 | 1,347 | 1,231 | 6.5 | 6.0 |
| South | 27,348 | 26,807 | 25,926 | 25,674 | 1,422 | 1,133 | 5.2 | 4.2 |
| North Central | 25,973 | 25,694 | 24,082 | 24,474 | 1,891 | 1,220 | 7.3 | 4.7 |
| West | 17,992 | 17,426 | 16,856 | 16,433 | 1,136 | 994 | 6.3 | 5.7 |
| **Black and Other** | | | | | | | | |
| U.S. Total | 12,548 | 12,306 | 10,890 | 10,920 | 1,658 | 1,386 | 13.2 | 11.3 |
| Connecticut | 105 | 104 | 92 | 89 | 11 | 15 | 10.5 | 14.3 |
| New England | 236 | 268 | 214 | 240 | 22 | 28 | 9.3 | 10.3 |
| Northeast | 2,277 | 2,295 | 1,978 | 2,009 | 299 | 286 | 13.1 | 12.4 |
| South | 5,770 | 5,595 | 5,064 | 4,994 | 706 | 601 | 12.2 | 10.7 |
| North Central | 2,360 | 2,416 | 1,929 | 2,096 | 431 | 320 | 18.3 | 13.2 |
| West | 2,133 | 2,001 | 1,901 | 1,821 | 232 | 180 | 10.9 | 9.0 |

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics News, March 9, 1981

# CONNECTICUT LABOR SITUATION

CONNECTICUT LABOR DEPARTMENT

JOB SERVICE

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION
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April 1981

Employment in Connecticut increased by 8,000 during March when the unemployment rate was lower and weekly wages set a new record high, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro. Manufacturing output grew and personal income of state residents also established a new high.

Employment, Wages and Hours: The rise in nonagricultural employment to 1,428,600, up 10,500 from March last year, was mainly in nonmanufacturing industries, which accounted for 7,800 more jobs. Heavy construction firms added an estimated 800 workers as the weather improved. Jobs in the service industries grew by 3,100, primarily in amusement facilities and business services, while government employment increased by 1,200. Jobs in retail trade outlets were more plentiful in anticipation of pre-Easter sales, and restaurants also showed a seasonal gain (Page 2). Factory employment advanced by 200. Each of the 16 labor market areas had a monthly employment gain (Pages 5 & 6).

Average earnings of factory production workers rose $2.09 to $316.01 weekly and the workweek remained unchanged at 41.8 hours (Page 3). Average hourly earnings were $7.56, up five cents from February. Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour week to eliminate the effect of overtime, hourly wages rose by five cents to $7.24 and weekly earnings increased by $2.00 to $289.60, a 10 percent increase in the hourly rate and a weekly gain of $26.40 from a year ago. Wages in March were highest in the Bristol area, followed by Ansonia, Hartford, Bridgeport, New Britain and Norwich-New London (Page 6).

Unemployment: Statewide joblessness dropped in March by 11,100 to 97,800 and the rate was down from 6.8 percent to 6.2 percent (Page 4). Seasonally adjusted, the unemployment rate was 6 percent, up slightly from 5.9 in February. The comparable national average for March was 7.3 percent. Every labor market area had decreased unemployment except Willimantic where there were several temporary closings. Included in the statewide unemployment estimate were those persons receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits had expired and those entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Manufacturing output grew on an actual and seasonally adjusted basis while personal income was higher again in March. Average weekly initial claims for unemployment benefits declined and new automobile registrations increased, partly due to stepped up application processing because of two shorter workweeks (Page 7).

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# CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

March 1981

| | Mar. 1981 | Feb. 1981 | Mar. 1980 (R) | % Change Mar. '81 over Feb. '81 | % Change Mar. '81 over Mar. '81 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Nonag. Employment.... | 1,428,600* | 1,420,600* | 1,418,100* | + 0.6 | + 0.7 |
| Manufacturing..... | 440,100* | 439,900* | 449,600* | + 0.1 | - 2.1 |
| Metallic Manufacturing... | 322,400* | 322,000* | 331,300* | + 0.1 | - 2.7 |
| Primary Metals..... | 20,600* | 20,600* | 21,900 | 0.0 | - 5.9 |
| Fabricated Metals..... | 65,300 | 65,100 | 68,300 | + 0.3 | - 4.4 |
| Machinery, Ex. Elec..... | 62,000 | 62,300 | 64,700 | - 0.5 | - 4.2 |
| Electrical Equipment.... | 51,000 | 50,400 | 52,700 | + 1.2 | - 3.2 |
| Transp. Equipment..... | 88,000 | 88,200 | 88,300* | - 0.2 | - 0.3 |
| Instruments & Clocks.... | 27,400 | 27,200 | 26,700 | + 0.7 | + 2.6 |
| Other Metallic Mfg..... | 8,100 | 8,200 | 8,700 | + 1.2 | - 6.9 |
| Nonmetallic Mfg..... | 117,700* | 117,900* | 118,300* | - 0.2 | - 0.5 |
| Food..... | 12,400 | 12,800 | 12,700 | - 3.1 | - 2.4 |
| Textiles..... | 8,000 | 8,000 | 8,800 | 0.0 | - 9.1 |
| Apparel..... | 11,100 | 11,200 | 11,000 | - 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Furniture & Lumber..... | 6,500* | 6,600 | 7,000 | - 1.5 | - 7.1 |
| Paper..... | 9,700 | 9,500 | 9,300 | + 2.1 | + 4.3 |
| Printing & Publishing... | 24,300 | 24,300 | 24,200 | 0.0 | + 0.4 |
| Chemicals..... | 18,800 | 18,700 | 17,900 | + 0.5 | + 5.0 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plast.... | 13,700* | 13,800* | 13,900* | - 0.7 | - 1.4 |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg... | 13,200 | 13,000 | 13,500 | + 1.5 | - 2.2 |
| Nonmanufacturing..... | 988,500 | 980,700* | 968,500* | + 0.8 | + 2.1 |
| Construction..... | 42,900 | 42,100 | 43,500 | + 1.9 | - 1.4 |
| Trans. (Inc. R.R.)..... | 31,900 | 31,900 | 31,900 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Communications..... | 18,200 | 18,300 | 17,700 | - 0.6 | + 2.8 |
| Utilities..... | 10,900 | 10,900 | 11,000 | 0.0 | - 0.9 |
| Trade..... | 295,800 | 294,900 | 294,000 | + 0.6 | + 0.9 |
| Wholesale..... | 74,000 | 74,400 | 72,500 | - 0.5 | + 2.1 |
| Retail..... | 158,100 | 157,300 | 157,900 | + 0.5 | + 0.1 |
| Restaurants..... | 64,700 | 63,200 | 63,600 | + 2.4 | + 1.7 |
| Finance & Real Estate... | 46,000 | 45,800 | 44,300 | + 0.4 | + 3.8 |
| Insurance..... | 61,700 | 61,000 | 58,000 | + 1.1 | + 6.4 |
| Service..... | 293,800 | 290,700 | 281,400* | + 1.1 | + 4.4 |
| Hotels..... | 5,500 | 5,400 | 5,900 | + 1.8 | - 6.8 |
| Laund. & Pers. Serv.... | 14,100 | 13,900 | 14,300 | + 1.4 | - 1.4 |
| Health Services..... | 98,000 | 97,700* | 93,400* | + 0.3 | + 4.9 |
| Law & Professional..... | 20,700 | 20,600 | 19,400 | + 0.5 | + 6.7 |
| Other Services..... | 155,500 | 153,100 | 148,400 | + 1.6 | + 4.8 |
| Government..... | 186,300 | 185,100 | 186,700 | + 0.6 | - 0.2 |
| Federal..... | 21,900 | 21,800 | 21,800 | + 0.5 | + 0.5 |
| State & Local..... | 164,400 | 163,300 | 164,900 | + 0.7 | - 0.3 |

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Mar. 1981 | Feb. 1981 | Mar. 1980 | Mar. 1981 | Feb. 1981 | Mar. 1980 | Mar. 1981 | Feb. 1981 | Mar. 1980 |
| Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers) | $316.01 | $313.92 | $290.76 | 41.8 | 41.8 | 42.2 | $7.56 | $7.51 | $6.89 |
| Metallic Manufacturing..... | 328.67 | 326.98 | 303.88 | 42.3 | 42.3 | 42.8 | 7.77 | 7.73 | 7.10 |
| Primary Metals..... | 352.60 | 355.49 | 332.69 | 43.0 | 43.3 | 44.3 | 8.20 | 8.21 | 7.51 |
| Fabricated Metals..... | 298.22 | 298.63 | 271.57 | 42.3 | 42.6 | 42.3 | 7.05 | 7.01 | 6.42 |
| Machinery..... | 355.93 | 353.33 | 336.24 | 43.3 | 43.3 | 44.3 | 8.22 | 8.16 | 7.59 |
| Electrical Equipment..... | 258.74 | 257.48 | 231.49 | 41.2 | 41.0 | 40.9 | 6.28 | 6.28 | 5.66 |
| Transportation Equipment.. | 384.80 | 378.81 | 356.12 | 41.6 | 41.4 | 42.7 | 9.25 | 9.15 | 8.34 |
| Instruments & Clocks..... | 295.92 | 299.53 | 277.01 | 43.2 | 43.6 | 43.9 | 6.85 | 6.87 | 6.31 |
| Other Metallic Mfg..... | 275.57 | 269.28 | 235.34 | 42.2 | 41.3 | 41.0 | 6.53 | 6.52 | 5.74 |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing... | 283.27 | 279.45 | 255.37 | 40.7 | 40.5 | 40.6 | 6.96 | 6.90 | 6.29 |
| Food..... | 288.88 | 297.75 | 269.60 | 39.9 | 40.9 | 39.3 | 7.24 | 7.28 | 6.86 |
| Textiles..... | 221.82 | 225.18 | 209.90 | 39.4 | 40.5 | 40.6 | 5.63 | 5.56 | 5.17 |
| Apparel..... | 174.74 | 172.62 | 162.95 | 35.3 | 35.3 | 36.7 | 4.95 | 4.89 | 4.44 |
| Lumber & Furniture..... | 236.52 | 228.63 | 210.93 | 40.5 | 39.9 | 40.1 | 5.84 | 5.73 | 5.26 |
| Paper..... | 348.84 | 334.93 | 327.83 | 45.9 | 45.2 | 46.5 | 7.60 | 7.41 | 7.05 |
| Printing & Publishing..... | 288.78 | 284.24 | 257.62 | 37.7 | 37.4 | 37.5 | 7.66 | 7.60 | 6.87 |
| Chemicals..... | 361.20 | 354.05 | 327.78 | 43.0 | 42.3 | 43.3 | 8.40 | 8.37 | 7.57 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics... | 283.32 | 286.21 | 248.86 | 41.3 | 41.6 | 40.4 | 6.86 | 6.88 | 6.16 |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg..... | 300.84 | 296.65 | 264.38 | 43.1 | 42.5 | 41.7 | 6.98 | 6.98 | 6.34 |
| Construction..... | 462.34 | 477.85 | 391.31 | 38.4 | 39.2 | 35.9 | 12.04 | 12.19 | 10.90 |

# U N E M P L O Y M E N T  I N  C O N N E C T I C U T  B Y  A R E A

| | March 1981 Number | March 1981 Ratio to Labor Force | Feb. 1981 Number | Feb. 1981 Ratio to Labor Force | March 1980 Number | March 1980 Ratio to Labor Force |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| State Totals*-Actual..... | 97,800 | 6.2 | 108,900 | 6.8 | 89,600 | 5.6 |
| Seasonally Adjusted.... | | | | | | |
| Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted) | | | | | | |
| Ansonia..... | 1,800 | 10.6 | 2,100 | 12.0 | 1,400 | 7.8 |
| Bridgeport..... | 11,000 | 5.7 | 12,700 | 6.6 | 10,900 | 5.6 |
| Bristol..... | 3,500 | 9.6 | 3,700 | 10.1 | 2,300 | 6.1 |
| Danbury..... | 5,400 | 6.0 | 6,100 | 6.7 | 5,200 | 5.9 |
| Danielson..... | 2,700 | 9.3 | 3,100 | 10.9 | 2,800 | 9.3 |
| Hartford..... | 21,500 | 5.6 | 23,400 | 6.1 | 19,000 | 5.0 |
| Meriden..... | 2,500 | 9.5 | 2,800 | 10.4 | 2,000 | 7.8 |
| Middletown..... | 3,100 | 5.2 | 3,700 | 6.2 | 2,900 | 4.8 |
| New Britain..... | 4,700 | 6.1 | 5,500 | 7.1 | 4,300 | 5.5 |
| New Haven..... | 13,700 | 6.8 | 14,600 | 7.2 | 12,700 | 6.2 |
| New London-Norwich..... | 5,900 | 5.6 | 6,600 | 6.3 | 6,000 | 5.7 |
| Norwalk..... | 3,900 | 5.2 | 4,000 | 5.4 | 3,500 | 4.7 |
| Stamford..... | 4,600 | 3.9 | 5,400 | 4.6 | 4,600 | 3.9 |
| Torrington..... | 3,600 | 9.1 | 4,200 | 10.3 | 3,100 | 8.0 |
| Waterbury..... | 8,500 | 7.9 | 9,700 | 9.0 | 7,700 | 6.9 |
| Willimantic..... | 1,400 | 5.5 | 1,300 | 5.1 | 1,200 | 4.9 |
| U.S. Total-Actual..... | 8,087,000 | 7.7 | 8,425,000 | 8.0 | 6,805,000 | 6.6 |
| Seasonally Adjusted..... | | (7.3) | | (7.3) | | (6.3) |

*State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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## U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967=100)

| | Mar. '81 | Feb. '81 | Mar. '80 |
|---|---|---|---|
| All Items..... | 265.1 | 263.2 | 239.8 |
| Percent Change From.... | xxx | + 0.7 | +10.6 |

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area | Mar.'81 | Feb.'81 | Mar.'80 (R) | Percent Change to March 1981 from: Feb.'81 | Mar.'80 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ANSONIA | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 8,540 | 8,490 | 8,870 | + 0.6 | - 3.7 |
| Manufacturing | 3,170 | 3,160 | 3,470 | + 0.3 | - 8.6 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 5,370 | 5,330 | 5,400 | + 0.8 | - 0.5 |
| BRIDGEPORT | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 170,060 | 168,700 | 168,610 | + 0.8 | + 0.9 |
| Manufacturing | 66,270 | 65,720 | 66,460 | + 0.8 | - 0.3 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 103,790 | 102,980 | 102,150 | + 0.8 | + 1.6 |
| BRISTOL | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 23,810 | 23,700 | 25,150 | + 0.5 | - 5.3 |
| Manufacturing | 10,250 | 10,310 | 11,990 | - 0.6 | - 14.5 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 13,560 | 13,390 | 13,160 | + 1.3 | + 3.0 |
| DANBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 64,890 | 64,300 | 62,140 | + 0.9 | + 4.4 |
| Manufacturing | 21,910 | 21,870 | 21,610 | + 0.2 | + 1.4 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 42,980 | 42,430 | 40,530 | + 1.3 | + 6.0 |
| DANIELSON | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 19,910 | 19,750 | 20,050 | + 0.8 | - 0.7 |
| Manufacturing | 9,320 | 9,230 | 9,650 | + 1.0 | - 3.4 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 10,590 | 10,520 | 10,400 | + 0.7 | + 1.8 |
| HARTFORD | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 400,860* | 398,090* | 392,450* | + 0.7 | + 2.1 |
| Manufacturing | 98,580* | 98,820 | 101,320* | - 0.2 | - 2.7 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 302,280 | 299,270* | 291,130* | + 1.0 | + 3.8 |
| MERIDEN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 21,440 | 21,250 | 21,200 | + 0.9 | + 1.1 |
| Manufacturing | 5,940 | 6,000 | 6,130 | - 1.0 | - 3.1 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 15,500 | 15,250 | 15,070 | + 1.6 | + 2.9 |
| MIDDLETOWN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 47,100 | 46,840 | 47,000 | + 0.6 | + 0.2 |
| Manufacturing | 16,130 | 16,140 | 17,100 | - 0.1 | - 5.7 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 30,970 | 30,700 | 29,900 | + 0.9 | + 3.6 |
| NEW BRITAIN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 65,330* | 64,750* | 65,790* | + 0.9 | - 0.7 |
| Manufacturing | 29,980* | 30,120* | 31,320* | - 0.5 | - 4.3 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 35,350 | 34,630 | 34,470 | + 2.1 | + 2.6 |
| NEW HAVEN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 191,360 | 190,080 | 191,610 | + 0.7 | - 0.1 |
| Manufacturing | 40,910 | 41,180 | 45,030 | - 0.7 | - 9.1 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 150,450 | 148,900 | 146,580 | + 1.0 | + 2.6 |
| NEW LONDON-NORWICH | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 92,290 | 91,570 | 90,690* | + 0.8 | + 1.7 |
| Manufacturing | 36,090 | 35,980 | 35,300* | + 0.3 | + 2.2 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 56,200 | 55,590 | 55,390 | + 1.1 | + 1.5 |
| NORWALK | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 62,530 | 61,940 | 61,250 | + 1.0 | + 2.1 |
| Manufacturing | 21,250 | 21,040 | 20,350 | + 1.0 | + 4.4 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 41,280 | 40,900 | 40,900 | + 0.9 | + 0.9 |

## AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area | Mar.'81 | Feb.'81 | Mar.'80(R) | Percent Change to March 1981 from: Feb.'81 | Mar.'8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| STAMFORD | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 109,050 | 108,130 | 107,380 | + 0.9 | + 1. |
| Manufacturing | 31,780 | 31,780 | 31,800 | 0.0 | - 0. |
| Nonmanufacturing | 77,270 | 76,350 | 75,580 | + 1.2 | + 2. |
| TORRINGTON | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 28,510 | 28,380 | 28,820 | + 0.5 | - 1. |
| Manufacturing | 10,430 | 10,410 | 10,720 | + 0.2 | - 2. |
| Nonmanufacturing | 18,080 | 17,970 | 18,100 | + 0.6 | - 0. |
| WATERBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 87,910* | 87,190* | 90,170 | + 0.8 | - 2. |
| Manufacturing | 32,900* | 32,830* | 35,390 | + 0.2 | - 7. |
| Nonmanufacturing | 55,010 | 54,360 | 54,780 | + 1.2 | + 0. |
| WILLIMANTIC | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 20,150 | 19,880 | 20,000 | + 1.4 | + 0. |
| Manufacturing | 3,000 | 3,000 | 2,880 | 0.0 | + 4. |
| Nonmanufacturing | 17,150 | 16,880 | 17,120 | + 1.6 | + 0. |

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

## EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA - MARCH 1981

### MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

| | Average Weekly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Mar.'81 | Feb.'81 | Mar.'80 | Mar.'81 | Feb.'81 | Mar.'80 | Mar.'81 | Feb.'81 | Mar.'80 |
| Ansonia | $353.22 | $339.48 | $356.26 | 42.1 | 41.0 | 44.7 | $8.39 | $8.28 | $7.97 |
| Bridgeport | 331.62 | 329.13 | 306.56 | 42.9 | 42.8 | 43.3 | 7.73 | 7.69 | 7.08 |
| Bristol | 355.83 | 338.12 | 330.46 | 40.9 | 39.5 | 40.3 | 8.70 | 8.56 | 8.20 |
| Danbury | 307.19 | 309.77 | 276.95 | 44.2 | 44.7 | 44.1 | 6.95 | 6.93 | 6.28 |
| Danielson | 249.23 | 248.84 | 219.96 | 38.7 | 38.7 | 37.6 | 6.44 | 6.43 | 5.85 |
| Hartford | 337.74 | 336.04 | 318.12 | 41.8 | 41.9 | 42.7 | 8.08 | 8.02 | 7.45 |
| Meriden | 278.66 | 268.66 | 254.59 | 41.1 | 40.4 | 40.8 | 6.78 | 6.65 | 6.24 |
| Middletown | 320.78 | 321.91 | 293.79 | 40.4 | 40.8 | 40.3 | 7.94 | 7.89 | 7.29 |
| New Britain | 330.07 | 326.83 | 299.75 | 42.7 | 42.5 | 42.7 | 7.73 | 7.69 | 7.02 |
| New Haven | 286.44 | 281.06 | 279.35 | 39.4 | 39.2 | 40.9 | 7.27 | 7.17 | 6.83 |
| New London-Norwich | 322.83 | 311.95 | 292.52 | 42.2 | 41.1 | 41.2 | 7.65 | 7.59 | 7.10 |
| Norwalk | 312.18 | 323.90 | 281.60 | 43.6 | 44.8 | 44.0 | 7.16 | 7.23 | 6.40 |
| Stamford | 287.29 | 287.82 | 279.94 | 41.1 | 41.0 | 43.2 | 6.99 | 7.02 | 6.48 |
| Torrington | 245.44 | 235.53 | 208.30 | 42.1 | 40.4 | 39.6 | 5.83 | 5.83 | 5.26 |
| Waterbury | 267.54 | 272.63 | 248.40 | 42.0 | 42.4 | 41.4 | 6.37 | 6.43 | 6.00 |
| Willimantic | 268.78 | 265.67 | 254.67 | 44.5 | 44.5 | 44.6 | 6.04 | 5.97 | 5.71 |

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

# CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| | Employment Nonag. (Thous.) | | New Hire Rate Manufacturing | | Av. Weekly Initial Claims | | Rate Total Unemployment | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. |
| 1980 | | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 1409.8 | 1427.6 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 7301 | 5213 | 6.1 | 5.5 |
| Feb.... | 1405.9 | 1429.5 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 4513 | 4843 | 5.7 | 5.2 |
| Mar.... | 1418.1 | 1436.3 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 3752 | 4641 | 5.6 | 5.2 |
| Apr.... | 1426.5 | 1424.8 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 5179 | 5708 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| May.... | 1434.9 | 1423.8 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 4807 | 6444 | 5.6 | 5.8 |
| Jun.... | 1439.5 | 1414.3 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 6289 | 7154 | 6.4 | 6.3 |
| Jul.... | 1413.3 | 1422.2 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 9917 | 6382 | 6.8 | 6.5 |
| Aug.... | 1403.7 | 1418.2 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 6643 | 6956 | 6.4 | 6.4 |
| Sep.... | 1419.9 | 1415.8 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 4175 | 6639 | 5.8 | 6.4 |
| Oct.... | 1426.9 | 1419.6 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 4256 | 6129 | 5.5 | 6.1 |
| Nov.... | 1434.9 | 1422.2 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 4464 | 5739 | 5.5 | 6.0 |
| Dec.... | 1441.8 | 1424.3 | 1.0(R) | 1.5 | 9094 | 5285 | 5.8 | 6.0 |
| 1981 | | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 1421.5 | 1438.8 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 7433 | 5305 | 7.1 | 5.9 |
| Feb.... | 1420.6 | 1443.7 | 1.4(R) | 1.6(R) | 4533 | 4864 | 6.8 | 5.9 |
| Mar.... | 1428.6 | 1447.4 | 1.7(P) | 1.7(P) | 4055 | 5019 | 6.2 | 6.0 |
| Apr.... | | | | | | | | |
| May.... | | | | | | | | |
| Jun.... | | | | | | | | |
| Jul.... | | | | | | | | |
| Aug.... | | | | | | | | |
| Sep.... | | | | | | | | |
| Oct.... | | | | | | | | |
| Nov.... | | | | | | | | |
| Dec.... | | | | | | | | |

| | Personal Income Millions | New Auto Registrations | | Average Work-Week Hours | | Mfg. Output (1967=100) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Seasonally Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. |
| 1980 | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 2672.8 | 8969 | 10175 | 42.6 | 42.4 | 121.1 | 116.6 |
| Feb.... | 2702.4 | 8265 | 10125 | 42.2 | 42.3 | 120.6 | 116.8 |
| Mar.... | 2706.0 | 13194 | 11325 | 42.2 | 42.1 | 121.9 | 116.9 |
| Apr.... | 2686.4 | 9931 | 10155 | 41.9 | 42.2 | 121.2 | 118.1 |
| May.... | 2696.9 | 9875 | 8903 | 41.8 | 42.0 | 120.0 | 116.8 |
| Jun.... | 2704.1 | 9868 | 8274 | 41.6 | 41.7 | 118.8 | 114.5 |
| Jul.... | 2747.7 | 9564 | 8646 | 41.3 | 41.6 | 100.5 | 113.1 |
| Aug.... | 2766.3 | 9916 | 8937 | 41.3 | 41.8 | 100.4 | 113.4 |
| Sep.... | 2786.4 | 9781 | 12069 | 41.3 | 41.4 | 116.2 | 114.2 |
| Oct.... | 2799.0 | 13032 | 12248 | 41.5 | 41.4 | 117.4 | 114.9 |
| Nov.... | 2810.3 | 8060 | 10056 | 42.0 | 41.6 | 120.2 | 116.1 |
| Dec.... | 2842.3 | 10979 | 11423 | 42.3 | 41.6 | 110.3 | 116.9 |
| 1981 | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 2888.1 | 9052 | 10275 | 42.1 | 41.9 | 119.7 | 115.2 |
| Feb.... | 2900.4 | 7491 | 9180 | 41.8 | 41.9 | 117.1 | 113.4 |
| Mar.... | 2917.3 | 11387 | 9774 | 41.8 | 41.7 | 120.3 | 115.5 |
| Apr.... | | | | | | | |
| May.... | | | | | | | |
| Jun.... | | | | | | | |
| Jul.... | | | | | | | |
| Aug.... | | | | | | | |
| Sep.... | | | | | | | |
| Oct.... | | | | | | | |
| Nov.... | | | | | | | |
| Dec.... | | | | | | | |

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# CONNECTICUT LABOR SITUATION

**CONNECTICUT LABOR DEPARTMENT**

JOB SERVICE

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION
HARTFORD 06115

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COMMISSIONER

May 1981

The state's unemployment rate dropped to a five-month low of 5.8 percent in April, while employment increased by 4,000 to a 1981 high, State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro reported.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Total nonagricultural employment advanced to 1,432,600 in April with the nonmanufacturing sector accounting for most of the gain (Page 2). At the same time last year, nonfarm employment was 1,427,600. The services group continued to expand. Construction employment improved although a major labor-management dispute in mid-April idling about 4,000 workers restrained a seasonal surge in heavy construction activity.

Factory employment declined by 1,600 to 438,500 due in part to cutbacks in the transportation equipment industry, a labor dispute involving an instruments manufacturer, and a plant closing in the rubber industry (Page 2). Eleven of the 16 labor market areas had employment increases (Pages 5 & 6).

Average hourly earnings of factory production workers declined by a penny to $7.55, but April's level was 62 cents above the 1980 average. Weekly earnings dropped by $2.69 to $313.32 as the Good Friday holiday shortened the average workweek to 41.5 hours from 41.8 hours in March (Page 3). Adjusted on a straight-time, 40-hour week, average hourly earnings were $7.26, an increase of 63 cents from the same time last year, and $289.60 weekly, up from $265.20 a year ago. Highest hourly earnings were paid in the Bristol ($8.76), Ansonia ($8.38) and Hartford ($8.02) areas (Page 6).

Unemployment: Statewide joblessness declined from 6.2 percent to 5.8 percent, (Page 4) matching the December unemployment rate. On a seasonally adjusted basis, the April rate remained unchanged at 6.0 percent, or 1.3 percent below the national average. Lower unemployment was recorded in 13 labor market areas and increases in three. Included in the unemployment estimate were those persons receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits had expired and persons entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Seasonally adjusted indicators were mixed in April as new auto registrations were up, the average workweek was extended, and manufacturing output improved. Average weekly initial claims for jobless benefits increased and the new hire rate and personal income of state residents declined (Page 7).

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# C O N N E C T I C U T  N O N A G R I C U L T U R A L  E M P L O Y M E N T

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

April 1981

| I N D U S T R Y | Apr. 1981 | Mar. 1981 | Apr. 1980 (R) | % Change Apr. '81 over Mar. '81 | % Change Apr. '81 over Apr. '80 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Nonag. Employment.... | 1,432,600* | 1,428,600* | 1,427,600* | + 0.3 | + 0.4 |
| Manufacturing..... | 438,500* | 440,100* | 450,200* | - 0.4 | - 2.6 |
| Metallic Manufacturing... | 321,500* | 322,400* | 331,200* | - 0.3 | - 2.9 |
| Primary Metals..... | 20,700 | 20,600* | 21,700 | + 0.5 | - 4.6 |
| Fabricated Metals..... | 65,100* | 65,300 | 67,600* | - 0.3 | - 3.7 |
| Machinery, Ex. Elec..... | 62,200 | 62,000 | 64,600 | + 0.3 | - 3.7 |
| Electrical Equipment.... | 51,100 | 51,000 | 53,100 | + 0.2 | - 3.8 |
| Transportation Equip.... | 87,300 | 88,000 | 88,500* | - 0.8 | - 1.4 |
| Instruments & Clocks.... | 27,000* | 27,400 | 27,000 | - 1.5 | 0.0 |
| Other Metallic Mfg..... | 8,100 | 8,100 | 8,700 | 0.0 | - 6.9 |
| Nonmetallic Mfg..... | 117,000* | 117,700* | 119,000* | - 0.6 | - 1.7 |
| Food..... | 12,400 | 12,400 | 12,500 | 0.0 | - 0.8 |
| Textiles..... | 8,100 | 8,000 | 8,800 | + 1.3 | - 8.0 |
| Apparel..... | 10,700 | 11,100 | 11,100 | - 3.6 | - 3.6 |
| Furniture & Lumber..... | 6,500 | 6,500* | 6,900 | 0.0 | - 5.8 |
| Paper..... | 9,700 | 9,700 | 9,400 | 0.0 | + 3.2 |
| Printing & Publishing... | 24,100 | 24,300 | 24,400* | - 0.8 | - 1.2 |
| Chemicals..... | 18,800 | 18,800 | 18,700 | 0.0 | + 0.5 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics. | 13,300* | 13,700* | 13,600* | - 2.9 | - 2.2 |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg... | 13,400 | 13,200 | 13,600 | + 1.5 | - 1.5 |
| Nonmanufacturing..... | 994,100* | 988,500 | 977,400* | + 0.6 | + 1.7 |
| Construction..... | 44,300* | 42,900 | 47,900* | + 3.3 | - 7.5 |
| Transportation(Inc.R.R.) | 31,500 | 31,900 | 32,100 | - 1.3 | - 1.9 |
| Communications..... | 18,300 | 18,200 | 17,800 | + 0.5 | + 2.8 |
| Utilities..... | 11,000 | 10,900 | 11,100 | + 0.9 | - 0.9 |
| Trade..... | 297,500 | 296,800 | 297,100* | + 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| Wholesale..... | 74,300 | 74,000 | 72,700 | + 0.4 | + 2.2 |
| Retail..... | 158,000 | 158,100 | 159,300 | - 0.1 | - 0.8 |
| Restaurants..... | 65,200 | 64,700 | 65,100 | + 0.8 | + 0.2 |
| Finance & Real Estate... | 46,700 | 46,000 | 44,400 | + 1.5 | + 5.2 |
| Insurance..... | 61,400 | 61,700 | 58,300 | - 0.5 | + 5.3 |
| Service..... | 296,900 | 293,800 | 284,500 | + 1.1 | + 4.4 |
| Hotels..... | 5,400 | 5,500 | 6,100 | - 1.8 | - 11.5 |
| Laundries & Pers.Serv.. | 14,500 | 14,100 | 14,600 | + 2.8 | - 0.7 |
| Health Services..... | 98,200 | 98,000 | 93,800* | + 0.2 | + 4.7 |
| Law & Prof. Serv..... | 20,900 | 20,700 | 19,600 | + 1.0 | + 6.6 |
| Other Services..... | 157,900 | 155,500 | 150,400 | + 1.5 | + 5.0 |
| Government..... | 186,500 | 186,300 | 184,200 | + 0.1 | + 1.2 |
| Federal..... | 21,800 | 21,900 | 22,300 | - 0.5 | - 2.2 |
| State & Local..... | 164,700 | 164,400 | 161,900 | + 0.2 | + 1.7 |

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

# E A R N I N G S  A N D  H O U R S - A P R I L  1 9 8 1

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Apr. 1981 | Mar. 1981 | Apr. 1980 | Apr. 1981 | Mar. 1981 | Apr. 1980 | Apr. 1981 | Mar. 1981 | Apr. 1980 |
| Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers) | $313.32 | $316.01 | $290.37 | 41.5 | 41.8 | 41.9 | $7.55 | $7.56 | $6.93 |
| Metallic Manufacturing..... | 323.95 | 328.67 | 303.03 | 41.8 | 42.3 | 42.5 | 7.75 | 7.77 | 7.13 |
| Primary Metals..... | 358.09 | 352.60 | 335.16 | 43.3 | 43.0 | 44.1 | 8.27 | 8.20 | 7.60 |
| Fabricated Metals..... | 294.69 | 298.22 | 275.80 | 41.8 | 42.3 | 42.3 | 7.05 | 7.05 | 6.52 |
| Machinery..... | 351.42 | 355.93 | 337.48 | 42.7 | 43.3 | 44.0 | 8.23 | 8.22 | 7.67 |
| Electrical Equipment..... | 260.99 | 258.74 | 236.90 | 41.1 | 41.2 | 41.2 | 6.35 | 6.28 | 5.75 |
| Transportation Equipment.. | 376.16 | 384.80 | 341.96 | 41.2 | 41.6 | 41.5 | 9.13 | 9.25 | 8.24 |
| Instruments & Clocks..... | 282.73 | 295.92 | 276.89 | 41.7 | 43.2 | 43.4 | 6.78 | 6.85 | 6.38 |
| Other Metallic Mfg..... | 271.05 | 275.57 | 245.53 | 41.7 | 42.2 | 41.9 | 6.50 | 6.53 | 5.86 |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing... | 285.60 | 283.27 | 255.91 | 40.8 | 40.7 | 40.3 | 7.00 | 6.96 | 6.35 |
| Food..... | 293.38 | 288.88 | 272.69 | 40.3 | 39.9 | 38.9 | 7.28 | 7.24 | 7.01 |
| Textiles..... | 224.64 | 221.82 | 207.20 | 39.9 | 39.4 | 40.0 | 5.63 | 5.63 | 5.18 |
| Apparel..... | 178.92 | 174.74 | 168.14 | 35.5 | 35.3 | 37.2 | 5.04 | 4.95 | 4.52 |
| Lumber & Furniture..... | 235.53 | 236.52 | 211.20 | 40.4 | 40.5 | 39.7 | 5.83 | 5.84 | 5.32 |
| Paper..... | 349.45 | 348.84 | 333.82 | 45.8 | 45.9 | 46.3 | 7.63 | 7.60 | 7.21 |
| Printing & Publishing..... | 289.90 | 288.78 | 257.94 | 37.6 | 37.7 | 37.6 | 7.71 | 7.66 | 6.86 |
| Chemicals..... | 362.09 | 361.20 | 330.15 | 42.8 | 43.0 | 43.1 | 8.46 | 8.40 | 7.66 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics... | 282.62 | 283.32 | 249.05 | 41.5 | 41.3 | 40.3 | 6.81 | 6.86 | 6.18 |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg..... | 302.99 | 300.84 | 261.94 | 43.1 | 43.1 | 40.8 | 7.03 | 6.98 | 6.42 |
| Construction..... | 445.28 | 462.34 | 393.47 | 36.8 | 38.4 | 36.5 | 12.10 | 12.04 | 10.78 |

# UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

| | April 1981 | | March 1981 | | April 1980 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Ratio to Labor Force | Number | Ratio to Labor Force | Number | Ratio to Labor Force |
| State Totals*-Actual..... | 92,400 | 5.8 | 97,800 | 6.2 | 89,200 | 5.5 |
| Seasonally Adjusted.... | | 6.0 | | 6.0 | | 5.5 |
| Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted) | | | | | | |
| Ansonia..... | 1,500 | 9.3 | 1,800 | 10.6 | 1,400 | 8.2 |
| Bridgeport..... | 11,600 | 6.0 | 11,000 | 5.7 | 10,800 | 5.5 |
| Bristol..... | 3,200 | 8.6 | 3,500 | 9.6 | 2,500 | 6.5 |
| Danbury..... | 5,000 | 5.5 | 5,400 | 6.0 | 5,000 | 5.6 |
| Danielson..... | 2,500 | 8.6 | 2,700 | 9.3 | 2,800 | 9.4 |
| Hartford..... | 19,100 | 5.0 | 21,500 | 5.6 | 17,900 | 4.6 |
| Meriden..... | 2,300 | 8.8 | 2,500 | 9.5 | 2,000 | 7.8 |
| Middletown..... | 3,000 | 5.1 | 3,100 | 5.2 | 2,900 | 4.8 |
| New Britain..... | 4,800 | 6.3 | 4,700 | 6.1 | 4,100 | 5.2 |
| New Haven..... | 12,800 | 6.4 | 13,700 | 6.8 | 12,700 | 6.2 |
| New London-Norwich..... | 6,400 | 6.0 | 5,900 | 5.6 | 6,300 | 5.8 |
| Norwalk..... | 3,200 | 4.3 | 3,900 | 5.2 | 3,400 | 4.6 |
| Stamford..... | 4,500 | 3.7 | 4,600 | 3.9 | 5,200 | 4.3 |
| Torrington..... | 3,100 | 7.7 | 3,600 | 9.1 | 3,000 | 7.4 |
| Waterbury..... | 8,400 | 7.8 | 8,500 | 7.9 | 8,000 | 7.1 |
| Willimantic..... | 1,000 | 4.2 | 1,400 | 5.5 | 1,200 | 4.6 |
| U.S. Total-Actual..... | 7,396,000 | 7.0 | 8,087,000 | 7.7 | 6,486,000 | 6.6 |
| Seasonally Adjusted..... | | (7.3) | | (7.3) | | (6.9) |

*State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
(R) Revised

## U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967=100)

| | Apr. '81 | Mar. '81 | Apr. '80 |
|---|---|---|---|
| All Items..... | 266.8 | 265.1 | 242.5 |
| Percent Change From.... | xxx | + 0.6 | +10.0 |

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

## AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area | Apr.'81 | Mar.'81 | Apr.'80 (R) | Percent Change to April 1981 from: Mar.'81 | Apr.'80 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ANSONIA | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 8,570 | 8,540 | 8,920 | + 0.4 | - 3.9 |
| Manufacturing | 3,150 | 3,170 | 3,470 | - 0.6 | - 9.2 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 5,420 | 5,370 | 5,450 | + 0.9 | - 0.6 |
| BRIDGEPORT | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 170,280* | 170,060 | 170,500 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Manufacturing | 66,200 | 66,270 | 66,580 | - 0.1 | - 0.6 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 104,080* | 103,790 | 103,920 | + 0.3 | + 0.2 |
| BRISTOL | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 23,940 | 23,810 | 25,260 | + 0.5 | - 5.2 |
| Manufacturing | 10,310 | 10,250 | 11,800 | + 0.6 | - 12.6 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 13,630 | 13,560 | 13,460 | + 0.5 | + 1.3 |
| DANBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 65,660* | 64,890 | 63,250 | + 1.2 | + 3.8 |
| Manufacturing | 22,010 | 21,910 | 21,360 | + 0.5 | + 3.0 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 43,650* | 42,980 | 41,890 | + 1.6 | + 4.2 |
| DANIELSON | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 20,020* | 19,910 | 20,000 | + 0.6 | + 0.1 |
| Manufacturing | 9,370* | 9,320 | 9,450 | + 0.5 | - 0.8 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 10,650 | 10,590 | 10,550 | + 0.6 | + 0.9 |
| HARTFORD | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 401,160* | 400,860* | 398,610* | + 0.1 | + 0.6 |
| Manufacturing | 98,260 | 98,580* | 102,140* | - 0.3 | - 3.8 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 302,900* | 302,280 | 296,470* | + 0.2 | + 2.2 |
| MERIDEN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 21,330 | 21,440 | 21,260 | - 0.5 | + 0.3 |
| Manufacturing | 5,570 | 5,940 | 5,950 | - 6.2 | - 6.4 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 15,760 | 15,500 | 15,310 | + 1.7 | + 2.9 |
| MIDDLETOWN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 47,080 | 47,100 | 47,470* | - 0.1 | - 0.8 |
| Manufacturing | 15,800 | 16,130 | 17,180 | - 2.0 | - 8.0 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 31,280 | 30,970 | 30,290* | + 1.0 | + 3.3 |
| NEW BRITAIN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 65,620* | 65,330* | 66,050* | + 0.4 | - 0.7 |
| Manufacturing | 29,840* | 29,980* | 31,090* | - 0.5 | - 4.0 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 35,780* | 35,350 | 34,960 | + 1.2 | + 2.3 |
| NEW HAVEN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 191,180* | 191,360 | 193,110* | - 0.1 | - 1.0 |
| Manufacturing | 39,990 | 40,910 | 45,060* | - 2.2 | - 11.3 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 151,190* | 150,450 | 148,050 | + 0.5 | + 2.1 |
| NEW LONDON-NORWICH | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 92,900* | 92,290 | 92,210* | + 0.7 | + 0.7 |
| Manufacturing | 36,200 | 36,090 | 35,300* | + 0.3 | + 2.5 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 56,700* | 56,200 | 56,910 | + 0.9 | - 0.4 |
| NORWALK | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 62,160* | 62,530 | 61,380 | - 0.6 | + 1.3 |
| Manufacturing | 21,120 | 21,250 | 20,230 | - 0.6 | + 4.4 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 41,040* | 41,280 | 41,150 | - 0.6 | - 0.3 |

## AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area | Apr.'81 | Mar.'81 | Apr.'80 (R) | Percent Change to April 1981 from: Mar.'81 | Apr.'80 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| STAMFORD | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 109,800* | 109,050 | 108,390 | + 0.7 | + 1.3 |
| Manufacturing | 31,700 | 31,780 | 31,800 | - 0.3 | - 0.3 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 78,100* | 77,270 | 76,590 | + 1.1 | + 2.0 |
| TORRINGTON | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 28,800 | 28,510 | 28,940 | + 1.0 | - 0.5 |
| Manufacturing | 10,440 | 10,430 | 10,650 | + 0.1 | - 2.0 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 18,360 | 18,080 | 18,290 | + 1.5 | + 0.4 |
| WATERBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 87,570* | 87,910* | 90,830 | - 0.4 | - 3.6 |
| Manufacturing | 32,830 | 32,900* | 35,040 | - 0.2 | - 6.3 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 54,740* | 55,010 | 55,790 | - 0.5 | - 1.9 |
| WILLIMANTIC | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 20,250 | 20,150 | 19,880 | + 0.5 | + 1.9 |
| Manufacturing | 3,000 | 3,000 | 2,800 | 0.0 | + 7.1 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 17,250 | 17,150 | 17,080 | + 0.6 | + 1.0 |

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

## EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA - APRIL 1981

### MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

| | Average Weekly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Apr.'81 | Mar.'81 | Apr.'80 | Apr.'81 | Mar.'81 | Apr.'80 | Apr.'81 | Mar.'81 | Apr.'80 |
| Ansonia | $355.31 | $353.22 | $356.16 | 42.4 | 42.1 | 44.8 | $8.38 | $8.39 | $7.95 |
| Bridgeport | 330.58 | 331.62 | 305.15 | 42.6 | 42.9 | 43.1 | 7.76 | 7.73 | 7.08 |
| Bristol | 355.66 | 355.83 | 335.79 | 40.6 | 40.9 | 40.9 | 8.76 | 8.70 | 8.21 |
| Danbury | 305.03 | 307.19 | 287.67 | 43.7 | 44.2 | 44.6 | 6.98 | 6.95 | 6.45 |
| Danielson | 248.45 | 249.23 | 220.37 | 38.4 | 38.7 | 37.8 | 6.47 | 6.44 | 5.83 |
| Hartford | 330.42 | 337.74 | 320.46 | 41.2 | 41.8 | 42.9 | 8.02 | 8.08 | 7.47 |
| Meriden | 283.44 | 278.66 | 256.14 | 41.5 | 41.1 | 40.4 | 6.83 | 6.78 | 6.34 |
| Middletown | 318.00 | 320.78 | 294.26 | 40.0 | 40.4 | 40.2 | 7.95 | 7.94 | 7.32 |
| New Britain | 323.53 | 330.07 | 299.75 | 41.8 | 42.7 | 42.7 | 7.74 | 7.73 | 7.02 |
| New Haven | 290.21 | 286.44 | 286.71 | 39.7 | 39.4 | 40.9 | 7.31 | 7.27 | 7.01 |
| New London-Norwich | 314.42 | 322.83 | 287.34 | 41.1 | 42.2 | 40.7 | 7.65 | 7.65 | 7.06 |
| Norwalk | 301.14 | 312.18 | 285.36 | 42.0 | 43.6 | 43.7 | 7.17 | 7.16 | 6.53 |
| Stamford | 289.05 | 287.29 | 280.36 | 41.0 | 41.1 | 43.0 | 7.05 | 6.99 | 6.52 |
| Torrington | 237.92 | 245.44 | 209.47 | 40.6 | 42.1 | 39.3 | 5.86 | 5.83 | 5.33 |
| Waterbury | 264.13 | 267.54 | 251.22 | 41.4 | 42.0 | 41.8 | 6.38 | 6.37 | 6.01 |
| Willimantic | 255.09 | 268.78 | 260.14 | 42.8 | 44.5 | 45.4 | 5.96 | 6.04 | 5.73 |

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

# CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| | Employment Nonag. (Thous.) | | New Hire Rate Manufacturing | | Av. Weekly Initial Claims | | Rate Total Unemployment | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. |
| 1980 | | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 1409.8 | 1427.6 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 7301 | 5213 | 6.1 | 5.5 |
| Feb.... | 1405.9 | 1429.8(R) | 1.9 | 2.2 | 4513 | 4843 | 5.7 | 5.2 |
| Mar.... | 1418.1 | 1436.3 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 3752 | 4641 | 5.6 | 5.2 |
| Apr.... | 1427.6(R) | 1425.5(R) | 1.7 | 1.9 | 5179 | 5708 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| May.... | 1435.9(R) | 1424.8(R) | 1.9 | 1.8 | 4807 | 6444 | 5.6 | 5.8 |
| Jun.... | 1441.8(R) | 1416.5(R) | 2.1 | 1.6 | 6289 | 7154 | 6.4 | 6.3 |
| Jul.... | 1415.6(R) | 1424.9(R) | 1.1 | 1.2 | 9917 | 6382 | 6.8 | 6.5 |
| Aug.... | 1406.0(R) | 1420.6(R) | 1.5 | 1.3 | 6643 | 6956 | 6.4 | 6.4 |
| Sep.... | 1422.1(R) | 1417.6(R) | 1.8 | 1.4 | 4175 | 6639 | 5.8 | 6.4 |
| Oct.... | 1428.9(R) | 1421.7(R) | 1.6 | 1.5 | 4256 | 6129 | 5.5 | 6.1 |
| Nov.... | 1436.8(R) | 1424.1(R) | 1.4 | 1.6 | 4464 | 5739 | 5.5 | 6.0 |
| Dec.... | 1443.6(R) | 1426.0(R) | 1.0 | 1.5 | 9094 | 5285 | 5.8 | 6.0 |
| 1981 | | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 1421.5 | 1438.8 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 7433 | 5305 | 7.1 | 5.9 |
| Feb.... | 1420.6 | 1445.2(R) | 1.4 | 1.6 | 4533 | 4864 | 6.8 | 5.9 |
| Mar.... | 1428.6 | 1447.4 | 1.5(R) | 1.5(R) | 4055 | 5019 | 6.2 | 6.0 |
| Apr.... | 1432.6 | 1429.7 | 1.2(P) | 1.3(P) | 4644 | 5120 | 5.8 | 6.0 |
| May.... | | | | | | | | |
| Jun.... | | | | | | | | |
| Jul.... | | | | | | | | |
| Aug.... | | | | | | | | |
| Sep.... | | | | | | | | |
| Oct.... | | | | | | | | |
| Nov.... | | | | | | | | |
| Dec.... | | | | | | | | |

| | Personal Income Millions | New Auto Registrations | | Average Work-Week Hours | | Mfg. Output (1967=100) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Seasonally Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. |
| 1980 | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 2672.8 | 8969 | 10175 | 42.6 | 42.4 | 121.1 | 116.6 |
| Feb.... | 2702.4 | 8265 | 10125 | 42.2 | 42.3 | 120.6 | 116.8 |
| Mar.... | 2706.0 | 13194 | 11325 | 42.2 | 42.1 | 121.9 | 116.9 |
| Apr.... | 2686.4 | 9931 | 10155 | 41.9 | 42.2 | 121.2 | 118.1 |
| May.... | 2696.9 | 9875 | 8903 | 41.8 | 42.0 | 120.0 | 116.8 |
| Jun.... | 2704.1 | 9868 | 8274 | 41.6 | 41.7 | 118.8 | 114.5 |
| Jul.... | 2747.7 | 9564 | 8646 | 41.3 | 41.6 | 100.5 | 113.1 |
| Aug.... | 2766.3 | 9916 | 8937 | 41.3 | 41.8 | 100.4 | 113.4 |
| Sep.... | 2786.4 | 9781 | 12069 | 41.3 | 41.4 | 116.2 | 114.2 |
| Oct.... | 2799.0 | 13032 | 12248 | 41.5 | 41.4 | 117.4 | 114.9 |
| Nov.... | 2810.3 | 8060 | 10056 | 42.0 | 41.6 | 120.2 | 116.1 |
| Dec.... | 2842.3 | 10979 | 11423 | 42.3 | 41.6 | 110.3 | 116.9 |
| 1981 | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 2888.1 | 9052 | 10275 | 42.1 | 41.9 | 119.7 | 115.2 |
| Feb.... | 2900.4 | 7491 | 9180 | 41.8 | 41.9 | 117.1 | 113.4 |
| Mar.... | 2917.3 | 11387 | 9774 | 41.8 | 41.7 | 120.3 | 115.5 |
| Apr.... | 2890.5 | 12979 | 13271 | 41.5 | 41.8 | 119.3 | 116.2 |
| May.... | | | | | | | |
| Jun.... | | | | | | | |
| Jul.... | | | | | | | |
| Aug.... | | | | | | | |
| Sep.... | | | | | | | |
| Oct.... | | | | | | | |
| Nov.... | | | | | | | |
| Dec.... | | | | | | | |

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# CONNECTICUT LABOR SITUATION

CONNECTICUT LABOR DEPARTMENT
JOB SERVICE
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION
HARTFORD 06115
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COMMISSIONER

June 1981

Employment in Connecticut recorded a 1981 high for people at jobs during May when unemployment also declined to a low for this year, according to State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro. At the same time, average weekly wages for factory workers and personal income of all state residents were the highest in the state's history.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonagricultural employment, with a monthly gain of 8,800, reached a 1981 high of 1,441,400, up from 1,435,900 in May 1980 (Page 2). Factory employment declined by 500 to 438,000, primarily due to losses in the metallic sector where layoffs in transportation equipment offset gains in such categories as electrical equipment and instruments and clocks. Settlement of a major labor-management dispute in the road building industry contributed to a nine percent monthly gain in construction employment. Other advances, largely seasonal, were in restaurant, trade, hotels and other services. Fourteen of the 16 labor market areas had employment gains (Pages 5 & 6).

A record $318.24 was reached in the average weekly pay of production workers, with hourly earnings up 10-cents for a slightly longer workweek than April (Page 3). Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour week basis, hourly earnings this May were $7.34 or $293.60 weekly compared with April's $7.26 and $290.40. This reflected a 9.1 percent hourly increase from May 1980. Wages were highest in the Ansonia area, followed by Bristol, Bridgeport, Hartford and New Britain (Page 6).

Unemployment: Unemployment at 84,500 or 5.3 percent in May compared with an April level of 92,400 or 5.8 percent (Page 4). The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 5.8 percent (down from 6 percent in April) remained well below the national 7.6 percent figure. Fifteen of the state's 16 labor market areas recorded lower unemployment. There was an increase of 100 in the Middletown area. Included in the statewide unemployment estimate were those persons receiving benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and persons entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: In addition to higher wages, personal income and employment and decreased unemployment, the manufacturing new hire rate remained almost unchanged and manufacturing output was steady (Page 7).

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(Listings of "labor surplus areas" in Connecticut are on the final page, with details on the availability of annual planning information.)

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# C O N N E C T I C U T  N O N A G R I C U L T U R A L  E M P L O Y M E N T
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

May 1981

| | May 1981 | Apr. 1981 | May (R) 1980 | % Change May '81 over Apr. '81 | % Change May '81 over May '80 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Nonag. Employment..... | 1,441,400* | 1,432,600* | 1,435,900* | + 0.6 | + 0.4 |
| Manufacturing..... | 438,000* | 438,500* | 447,800* | - 0.1 | - 2.2 |
| Metallic Manufacturing.. | 320,200* | 321,500* | 329,500* | - 0.4 | - 2.8 |
| Primary Metals..... | 20,400* | 20,700 | 21,200* | - 1.4 | - 3.8 |
| Fabricated Metals..... | 64,900 | 65,100* | 66,900 | - 0.3 | - 3.0 |
| Machinery, Ex. Elec... | 61,900 | 62,200 | 63,500 | - 0.5 | - 2.5 |
| Electrical Equipment.. | 51,200 | 51,100 | 53,200 | + 0.2 | - 3.8 |
| Transp. Equipment..... | 86,600 | 87,300 | 88,300* | - 0.8 | - 1.9 |
| Instruments & Clocks.. | 27,200 | 27,000 | 27,800 | + 0.7 | - 2.2 |
| Other Metallic Mfg.... | 8,000 | 8,100 | 8,600 | - 1.2 | - 7.0 |
| Nonmetallic Mfg..... | 117,800 | 117,000* | 118,300* | + 0.7 | - 0.4 |
| Food..... | 12,500 | 12,400 | 12,500 | + 0.8 | 0.0 |
| Textiles..... | 8,100 | 8,100 | 8,700 | 0.0 | - 6.9 |
| Apparel..... | 11,100 | 10,700 | 11,000 | + 3.7 | + 0.9 |
| Furniture & Lumber.... | 6,600 | 6,500 | 6,900 | + 1.5 | - 4.3 |
| Paper..... | 9,800 | 9,700 | 9,500 | + 1.0 | + 3.2 |
| Printing & Publishing. | 24,100 | 24,100 | 24,100* | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Chemicals..... | 18,700 | 18,800 | 18,800 | - 0.5 | - 0.5 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plast.. | 13,300 | 13,300* | 13,500* | 0.0 | - 1.5 |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg. | 13,600 | 13,400 | 13,300 | + 1.5 | + 2.3 |
| Nonmanufacturing..... | 1,003,400* | 994,100* | 988,100* | + 0.9 | + 1.5 |
| Construction..... | 48,300* | 44,300* | 49,300 | + 9.0 | - 2.0 |
| Transp. (Inc. R.R.)... | 31,800 | 31,500 | 32,500 | + 1.0 | - 2.2 |
| Communications..... | 18,300 | 18,300 | 17,700 | 0.0 | + 3.4 |
| Utilities..... | 11,100 | 11,000 | 11,100 | + 0.9 | 0.0 |
| Trade..... | 300,000 | 297,500 | 300,100* | + 0.8 | - 0.0** |
| Wholesale..... | 74,400 | 74,300 | 72,900* | + 0.1 | + 2.1 |
| Retail..... | 158,300 | 158,000 | 160,300* | + 0.2 | - 1.2 |
| Restaurants..... | 67,300 | 65,200 | 66,900 | + 3.2 | + 0.6 |
| Finance & Real Estate. | 46,900 | 46,700 | 44,800 | + 0.4 | + 4.7 |
| Insurance..... | 62,000 | 61,400 | 58,500 | + 1.0 | + 6.0 |
| Service..... | 299,800 | 296,900 | 287,200* | + 1.0 | + 4.4 |
| Hotels..... | 6,100 | 5,400 | 6,500 | + 13.0 | - 6.2 |
| Laundries & Pers.Ser | 14,000 | 14,500 | 14,200 | - 3.4 | - 1.4 |
| Health Services..... | 98,400 | 98,200 | 94,000* | + 0.2 | + 4.7 |
| Law & Professional.. | 20,600 | 20,900 | 19,700 | - 1.4 | + 4.6 |
| Other Services..... | 160,700 | 157,900 | 152,800 | + 1.8 | + 5.2 |
| Government..... | 185,200 | 186,500 | 186,900 | - 0.7 | - 0.9 |
| Federal..... | 21,800 | 21,800 | 23,800 | 0.0 | - 8.4 |
| State & Local..... | 163,400 | 164,700 | 163,100 | - 0.8 | + 0.2 |

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
** Less than 0.05 percent.
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Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | May 1981 | Apr. 1981 | May 1980 | May 1981 | Apr. 1981 | May 1980 | May 1981 | Apr. 1981 | May 1980 |
| Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers) | $318.24 | $313.32 | $293.85 | 41.6 | 41.5 | 41.8 | $7.65 | $7.55 | $7.03 |
| Metallic Manufacturing..... | 328.50 | 323.95 | 306.55 | 41.9 | 41.8 | 42.4 | 7.84 | 7.75 | 7.23 |
| Primary Metals..... | 367.11 | 358.09 | 331.87 | 43.6 | 43.3 | 43.1 | 8.42 | 8.27 | 7.70 |
| Fabricated Metals..... | 303.96 | 294.69 | 277.86 | 42.1 | 41.8 | 42.1 | 7.22 | 7.05 | 6.60 |
| Machinery..... | 357.73 | 351.42 | 341.44 | 43.1 | 42.7 | 44.0 | 8.30 | 8.23 | 7.76 |
| Electrical Equipment..... | 263.04 | 260.99 | 235.58 | 41.1 | 41.1 | 40.9 | 6.40 | 6.35 | 5.76 |
| Transportation Equipment.. | 375.55 | 376.16 | 354.48 | 40.6 | 41.2 | 42.1 | 9.25 | 9.13 | 8.42 |
| Instruments & Clocks..... | 287.64 | 282.73 | 282.53 | 42.3 | 41.7 | 43.2 | 6.80 | 6.78 | 6.54 |
| Other Metallic Mfg..... | 272.35 | 271.05 | 247.21 | 41.9 | 41.7 | 41.9 | 6.50 | 6.50 | 5.90 |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing... | 290.50 | 285.60 | 258.24 | 40.8 | 40.8 | 40.1 | 7.12 | 7.00 | 6.44 |
| Food..... | 301.10 | 293.38 | 282.58 | 40.8 | 40.3 | 39.8 | 7.38 | 7.28 | 7.10 |
| Textiles..... | 233.63 | 224.64 | 210.40 | 39.8 | 39.9 | 40.0 | 5.87 | 5.63 | 5.26 |
| Apparel..... | 183.50 | 178.92 | 163.17 | 35.7 | 35.5 | 36.1 | 5.14 | 5.04 | 4.52 |
| Lumber & Furniture..... | 240.44 | 235.53 | 214.52 | 41.1 | 40.4 | 39.8 | 5.85 | 5.83 | 5.39 |
| Paper..... | 357.50 | 349.45 | 330.87 | 45.6 | 45.8 | 45.7 | 7.84 | 7.63 | 7.24 |
| Printing & Publishing..... | 293.66 | 289.90 | 253.60 | 37.6 | 37.6 | 36.7 | 7.81 | 7.71 | 6.91 |
| Chemicals..... | 371.52 | 362.09 | 329.45 | 43.0 | 42.8 | 42.4 | 8.64 | 8.46 | 7.77 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics... | 283.24 | 282.62 | 257.04 | 41.9 | 41.5 | 40.8 | 6.76 | 6.81 | 6.30 |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg..... | 306.79 | 302.99 | 266.74 | 42.2 | 43.1 | 41.1 | 7.27 | 7.03 | 6.49 |
| Construction..... | 443.07 | 445.28 | 419.62 | 36.8 | 36.8 | 37.2 | 12.04 | 12.10 | 11.28 |

# UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

| | May 1981 | | April 1981 | | May 1980 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Ratio to Labor Force | Number | Ratio to Labor Force | Number | Ratio to Labor Force |
| State Totals*-Actual..... | 84,500 | 5.3 | 92,400 | 5.8 | 91,200 | 5.6 |
| Seasonally Adjusted.... | | (5.8) | | (6.0) | | (5.8) |
| Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted) | | | | | | |
| Ansonia..... | 1,300 | 8.0 | 1,500 | 9.3 | 1,500 | 8.5 |
| Bridgeport..... | 10,500 | 5.4 | 11,600 | 6.0 | 12,200 | 6.1 |
| Bristol..... | 2,300 | 6.5 | 3,200 | 8.6 | 2,900 | 7.6 |
| Danbury..... | 4,500 | 5.0 | 5,000 | 5.5 | 4,600 | 5.2 |
| Danielson..... | 2,200 | 7.7 | 2,500 | 8.6 | 2,800 | 9.1 |
| Hartford..... | 18,300 | 4.7 | 19,100 | 5.0 | 18,200 | 4.6 |
| Meriden..... | 2,100 | 8.2 | 2,300 | 8.8 | 2,200 | 8.2 |
| Middletown..... | 3,100 | 5.3 | 3,000 | 5.1 | 2,800 | 4.5 |
| New Britain..... | 4,200 | 5.5 | 4,800 | 6.3 | 4,000 | 5.1 |
| New Haven..... | 12,300 | 6.1 | 12,800 | 6.4 | 12,600 | 6.1 |
| New London-Norwich..... | 5,700 | 5.4 | 6,400 | 6.0 | 6.400 | 5.8 |
| Norwalk..... | 2,800 | 3.7 | 3,200 | 4.3 | 3,200 | 4.3 |
| Stamford..... | 4,200 | 3.5 | 4,500 | 3.7 | 4,700 | 3.9 |
| Torrington..... | 2,900 | 7.2 | 3,100 | 7.7 | 2,900 | 7.2 |
| Waterbury..... | 7,200 | 6.8 | 8,400 | 7.8 | 8,700 | 7.7 |
| Willimantic..... | 900 | 3.6 | 1,000 | 4.2 | 1,500 | 5.7 |
| U.S. Total-Actual..... | 7,545,000 | 7.1 | 7,396,000 | 7.0 | 7,318,000 | 7.0 |
| Seasonally Adjusted..... | | (7.6) | | (7.3) | | (7.6) |

*State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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## U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967=100)

| | May '81 | Apr. '81 | May '80 |
|---|---|---|---|
| All Items..... | 269.0 | 266.8 | 242.5 |
| Percent Change From.... | xxx | + 0.8 | +10.9 |

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area | May '81 | Apr. '81 | May '80 (R) | Percent Change to May 1981 from: April '81 | May '80 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ANSONIA | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 8,560 | 8,570 | 8,910 | - 0.1 | - 3.9 |
| Manufacturing | 3,110 | 3,150 | 3,460 | - 1.3 | - 10.1 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 5,450 | 5,420 | 5,450 | + 0.6 | 0.0 |
| BRIDGEPORT | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 171,090* | 170,280* | 170,560* | + 0.5 | + 0.3 |
| Manufacturing | 66,400 | 66,200 | 65,600 | + 0.3 | + 1.2 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 104,690* | 104,080* | 104,960* | + 0.6 | - 0.3 |
| BRISTOL | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 24,220 | 23,940 | 24,920 | + 1.2 | - 2.8 |
| Manufacturing | 10,400 | 10,310 | 11,240 | + 0.9 | - 7.5 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 13,820 | 13,630 | 13,680 | + 1.4 | + 1.0 |
| DANBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 66,280* | 65,660* | 63,600 | + 0.9 | + 4.2 |
| Manufacturing | 21,990 | 22,010 | 21,100 | - 0.1 | + 4.2 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 44,290* | 43,650* | 42,500 | + 1.5 | + 4.2 |
| DANIELSON | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 20,280 | 20,020* | 20,060 | + 1.3 | + 1.1 |
| Manufacturing | 9,520 | 9,370* | 9,300 | + 1.6 | + 2.4 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 10,760 | 10,650 | 10,760 | + 1.0 | 0.0 |
| HARTFORD | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 403,610 | 401,160* | 401,310* | + 0.6 | + 0.6 |
| Manufacturing | 97,970 | 98,260 | 101,910* | - 0.3 | - 3.9 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 305,640 | 302,900* | 299,400* | + 0.9 | + 2.1 |
| MERIDEN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 21,420 | 21,330 | 21,350 | + 0.4 | + 0.3 |
| Manufacturing | 5,530 | 5,570 | 5,890 | - 0.7 | - 6.1 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 15,890 | 15,760 | 15,460 | + 0.8 | + 2.8 |
| MIDDLETOWN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 47,200 | 47,080 | 47,750* | + 0.3 | - 1.2 |
| Manufacturing | 15,390 | 15,800 | 17,050 | - 2.6 | - 9.7 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 31,810 | 31,280 | 30,700* | + 1.7 | + 3.6 |
| NEW BRITAIN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 65,950* | 65,620* | 66,210* | + 0.5 | - 0.4 |
| Manufacturing | 29,790 | 29,840* | 30,770* | - 0.2 | - 3.2 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 36,160* | 35,780* | 35,440 | + 1.0 | + 2.0 |
| NEW HAVEN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 193,340 | 191,180* | 194,360* | + 1.1 | - 0.5 |
| Manufacturing | 40,160 | 39,990 | 44,440 | + 0.4 | - 9.6 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 153,180 | 151,190* | 149,920* | + 1.3 | + 2.2 |
| NEW LONDON-NORWICH | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 94,010* | 92,900* | 93,540* | + 1.2 | + 0.5 |
| Manufacturing | 35,950 | 36,200 | 35,240* | - 0.7 | + 2.0 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 58,060* | 56,700* | 58,300 | + 2.4 | - 0.4 |
| NORWALK | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 63,130* | 62,160* | 61,890 | + 1.6 | + 2.0 |
| Manufacturing | 21,140 | 21,120 | 20,270 | + 0.1 | + 4.3 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 41,990* | 41,040* | 41,620 | + 2.3 | + 0.9 |

## AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area | May '81 | Apr.'81 | May'80 (R) | Percent Change to May 1981 from: April '81 | May '80 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| STAMFORD | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 110,640* | 109,800* | 109,160 | + 0.8 | + 1.4 |
| Manufacturing | 31,220* | 31,700 | 31,600 | - 1.5 | - 1.2 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 79,420* | 78,100* | 77,560 | + 1.7 | + 2.4 |
| TORRINGTON | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 28,990 | 28,800 | 28,580 | + 0.7 | + 1.4 |
| Manufacturing | 10,480 | 10,440 | 10,470 | + 0.4 | + 0.1 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 18,510 | 18,360 | 18,110 | + 0.8 | + 2.2 |
| WATERBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 88,160* | 87,570* | 90,940 | + 0.7 | - 3.1 |
| Manufacturing | 32,810 | 32,830 | 34,180 | - 0.1 | - 4.0 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 55,350* | 54,740* | 56,760 | + 1.1 | - 2.5 |
| WILLIMANTIC | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 19,970 | 20,250 | 19,790 | - 1.4 | + 0.9 |
| Manufacturing | 3,010 | 3,000 | 2,960 | + 0.3 | + 1.7 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 16,960 | 17,250 | 16,830 | - 1.7 | + 0.8 |

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

## EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA - MAY 1981

### MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

| | Average Weekly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | May '81 | Apr.'81 | May '80 | May '81 | Apr.'81 | May '80 | May'81 | Apr.'81 | May '80 |
| Ansonia | $355.72 | $355.31 | $349.00 | 42.5 | 42.4 | 43.9 | $8.37 | $8.38 | $7.95 |
| Bridgeport | 336.26 | 330.58 | 305.15 | 43.0 | 42.6 | 42.5 | 7.82 | 7.76 | 7.18 |
| Bristol | 350.15 | 355.66 | 329.91 | 39.7 | 40.6 | 39.7 | 8.82 | 8.76 | 8.31 |
| Danbury | 312.32 | 305.03 | 294.38 | 44.3 | 43.7 | 45.5 | 7.05 | 6.98 | 6.47 |
| Danielson | 256.37 | 248.45 | 215.26 | 39.2 | 38.4 | 36.3 | 6.54 | 6.47 | 5.93 |
| Hartford | 333.29 | 330.42 | 324.61 | 41.3 | 41.2 | 42.6 | 8.07 | 8.02 | 7.62 |
| Meriden | 283.87 | 283.44 | 264.55 | 41.2 | 41.5 | 41.4 | 6.89 | 6.83 | 6.39 |
| Middletown | 319.60 | 318.00 | 304.36 | 40.0 | 40.0 | 40.1 | 7.99 | 7.95 | 7.59 |
| New Britain | 330.85 | 323.53 | 300.62 | 42.2 | 41.8 | 42.4 | 7.84 | 7.74 | 7.09 |
| New Haven | 293.78 | 290.21 | 283.01 | 39.7 | 39.7 | 40.2 | 7.40 | 7.31 | 7.04 |
| New London-Norwich | 313.07 | 314.42 | 291.37 | 40.5 | 41.1 | 40.3 | 7.73 | 7.65 | 7.23 |
| Norwalk | 309.89 | 301.14 | 299.01 | 43.1 | 42.0 | 45.1 | 7.19 | 7.17 | 6.63 |
| Stamford | 293.76 | 289.05 | 280.97 | 41.2 | 41.0 | 42.7 | 7.13 | 7.05 | 6.58 |
| Torrington | 238.14 | 237.92 | 213.05 | 40.5 | 40.6 | 39.6 | 5.88 | 5.86 | 5.38 |
| Waterbury | 270.67 | 264.13 | 244.32 | 41.9 | 41.4 | 41.2 | 6.46 | 6.38 | 5.93 |
| Willimantic | 256.34 | 255.09 | 265.46 | 42.3 | 42.8 | 45.3 | 6.06 | 5.96 | 5.86 |

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of th area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

# CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| | Employment Nonag. (Thous.) | | New Hire Rate Manufacturing | | Av. Weekly Initial Claims | | Rate Total Unemployment | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. |
| 1980 | | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 1409.8 | 1427.6 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 7301 | 5213 | 6.1 | 5.5 |
| Feb.... | 1405.9 | 1429.8 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 4513 | 4843 | 5.7 | 5.2 |
| Mar.... | 1418.1 | 1436.3 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 3752 | 4641 | 5.6 | 5.2 |
| Apr.... | 1427.6 | 1425.5 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 5179 | 5708 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| May.... | 1435.9 | 1424.8 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 4807 | 6444 | 5.6 | 5.8 |
| Jun.... | 1441.8 | 1416.5 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 6289 | 7154 | 6.4 | 6.3 |
| Jul.... | 1415.6 | 1424.9 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 9917 | 6382 | 6.8 | 6.5 |
| Aug.... | 1406.0 | 1420.6 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 6643 | 6956 | 6.4 | 6.4 |
| Sep.... | 1422.1 | 1417.6 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 4175 | 6639 | 5.8 | 6.4 |
| Oct.... | 1428.9 | 1421.7 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 4256 | 6129 | 5.5 | 6.1 |
| Nov.... | 1436.8 | 1424.1 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 4464 | 5739 | 5.5 | 6.0 |
| Dec.... | 1443.6 | 1426.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 9094 | 5285 | 5.8 | 6.0 |
| 1981 | | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 1421.5 | 1438.8 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 7433 | 5305 | 7.1 | 5.9 |
| Feb.... | 1420.6 | 1445.2 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 4533 | 4864 | 6.8 | 5.9 |
| Mar.... | 1428.6 | 1447.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 4055 | 5019 | 6.2 | 6.0 |
| Apr.... | 1432.6 | 1429.7 | 1.4(R) | 1.6(R) | 4644 | 5120 | 5.8 | 6.0 |
| May.... | 1441.4 | 1430.0 | 1.4(P) | 1.3(P) | 3941 | 5282 | 5.3 | 5.8 |
| Jun.... | | | | | | | | |
| Jul.... | | | | | | | | |
| Aug.... | | | | | | | | |
| Sep.... | | | | | | | | |
| Oct.... | | | | | | | | |
| Nov.... | | | | | | | | |
| Dec.... | | | | | | | | |

| | Personal Income Millions | New Auto Registrations | | Average Work-Week Hours | | Mfg. Output (1967=100) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Seasonally Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. |
| 1980 | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 2672.8 | 8969 | 10175 | 42.6 | 42.4 | 121.1 | 116.6 |
| Feb.... | 2702.4 | 8265 | 10125 | 42.2 | 42.3 | 120.6 | 116.8 |
| Mar.... | 2706.0 | 13194 | 11325 | 42.2 | 42.1 | 121.9 | 116.9 |
| Apr.... | 2686.4 | 9931 | 10155 | 41.9 | 42.2 | 121.2 | 118.1 |
| May.... | 2696.9 | 9875 | 8903 | 41.8 | 42.0 | 120.0 | 116.8 |
| Jun.... | 2704.1 | 9868 | 8274 | 41.6 | 41.7 | 118.8 | 114.5 |
| Jul.... | 2747.7 | 9564 | 8646 | 41.3 | 41.6 | 100.5 | 113.1 |
| Aug.... | 2766.3 | 9916 | 8937 | 41.3 | 41.8 | 100.4 | 113.4 |
| Sep.... | 2786.4 | 9781 | 12069 | 41.3 | 41.4 | 116.2 | 114.2 |
| Oct.... | 2799.0 | 13032 | 12248 | 41.5 | 41.4 | 117.4 | 114.9 |
| Nov.... | 2810.3 | 8060 | 10056 | 42.0 | 41.6 | 120.2 | 116.1 |
| Dec.... | 2842.3 | 10979 | 11423 | 42.3 | 41.6 | 110.3 | 116.9 |
| 1981 | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 2888.1 | 9052 | 10275 | 42.1 | 41.9 | 119.7 | 115.2 |
| Feb.... | 2900.4 | 7491 | 9180 | 41.8 | 41.9 | 117.1 | 113.4 |
| Mar.... | 2917.3 | 11387 | 9774 | 41.8 | 41.7 | 120.3 | 115.5 |
| Apr.... | 2890.5 | 12979 | 13271 | 41.5 | 41.8 | 119.3 | 116.2 |
| May.... | 2906.6 | 9161 | 8328 | 41.6 | 41.8 | 119.3 | 116.1 |
| Jun.... | | | | | | | |
| Jul.... | | | | | | | |
| Aug.... | | | | | | | |
| Sep.... | | | | | | | |
| Oct.... | | | | | | | |
| Nov.... | | | | | | | |
| Dec.... | | | | | | | |

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## FIFTEEN TOWNS IN CONNECTICUT LISTED AS LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The U.S. Department of Labor has updated its listing of areas designated as "labor surplus" for the twelve-month period June 1, 1981 through May 31, 1982. Employers located in these areas are eligible for preference in bidding on Federal procurement contracts. The purpose of this preference is to guide a portion of the government's procurement dollars into areas of most severe economic need. To be included on the annual listing, an area must have had an unemployment rate during the reference period of at least 1.20 times the national average unemployment rate for the same period. A comparison is made using the average of the area's unemployment rate for the two previous calendar years. The national average during the current reference period from January 1979 through December 1980, was 6.6 percent, therefore the qualifying rate for the current listing was 7.9 percent.

Areas can also be classified as labor surplus on the basis of exceptional circumstances. This permits eligibility criteria to be waived in areas where a sudden, unforeseen rise in unemployment has occurred and is not reflected in the average unemployment during the reference period. Examples of such circumstances would be natural disasters, plant closings and contract cancellations.

Fifteen Connecticut communities comprise the state's share of the 1,058 labor surplus areas in the nation. In Connecticut, designation is made on a city or town basis. The current list includes:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ansonia | New Haven | Sterling | Voluntown |
| Griswold | Plainfield | Thomaston | Waterbury |
| Killingly | Putnam | Thompson | Winchester |
| Meriden | Sprague | Torrington | |

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# CONNECTICUT LABOR SITUATION

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Employment, personal income and average weekly wages increased to record levels in Connecticut during June, according to State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro, and seasonally adjusted unemployment rose one-tenth of one percent, remaining well below the national rate.

Employment, Wages and Hours: There were 1,450,600 persons working in nonagricultural jobs in June, the highest in state history (page 2). This represented an increase of 9,200 from May. Manufacturing employment advanced by 2,300 to 440,300 with substantial hiring by producers of electrical equipment, fabricated metals products, chemicals and machinery. A continued seasonal rise in construction jobs, together with gains in trade and finance and real estate, boosted nonmanufacturing employment by nearly 7,000 to more than 1,010,000. Government employment dropped by 2,100 largely because of summer closing of school systems.

Average weekly earnings of Connecticut factory production workers rose $1.11 to a new high of $319.35 in June while the average workweek was slightly longer at 41.8 hours. Hourly earnings were at $7.64 (page 3). Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour week basis, hourly earnings for June were $7.32 or $292.80 per week, compared with $7.34 and $293.60 straight-time wages in May. This June's figures represent an increase of 8 percent in the hourly rate since June 1980. Highest hourly earnings were paid in the labor market areas of Bristol, Ansonia, Hartford and Middletown, all of which reported averages exceeding $8.00 hourly (page 6).

Unemployment: Unemployment in Connecticut increased in June and seasonally adjusted was 5.9 percent, well below the comparable national figure of 7.3 percent. Each of the 16 labor market areas had a monthly increase in unemployment (page 4). Included in the unemployment estimate were those persons receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits had expired, and jobseekers entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: In addition to the highest weekly wages, employment and personal income levels ever recorded, manufacturing output advanced in June, and there was improvement in the manufacturing new hire rate and automobile registrations. An increase in initial filings for unemployment benefits was also reported (page 7).

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# CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

| | June 1981 | May 1981 | June (R) 1980 | % Change June '81 over May '81 | % Change June '81 over June '80 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Nonag. Employment..... | 1,450,600* | 1,441,400* | 1,441,800* | + 0.6 | + 0.6 |
| Manufacturing..... | 440,300* | 438,000* | 445,500* | + 0.5 | - 1.2 |
| Metallic Manufacturing.... | 321,300 | 320,200* | 326,800* | + 0.3 | - 1.7 |
| Primary Metals..... | 20,700* | 20,400* | 20,400* | + 1.5 | + 1.5 |
| Fabricated Metals..... | 65,300 | 64,900 | 65,800* | + 0.6 | - 0.8 |
| Machinery, Ex. Elec..... | 62,400 | 61,900 | 63,200 | + 0.8 | - 1.3 |
| Electrical Equipment..... | 52,100 | 51,200 | 52,900 | + 1 8 | - 1.5 |
| Trans. Equipment..... | 85,200 | 86,600 | 88,600 | - 1.6 | - 3.8 |
| Instruments & Clocks..... | 27,500* | 27,200 | 27,700 | + 1.1 | - 0.7 |
| Other Metallic Mfg..... | 8,100 | 8,000 | 8,200 | + 1.2 | - 1.2 |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing. | 119,000 | 117,800 | 118,700* | + 1.0 | + 0.2 |
| Food..... | 12,700 | 12,500 | 12,900 | + 1.6 | - 1.6 |
| Textiles..... | 8,200 | 8,100 | 8,600 | + 1.2 | - 4.6 |
| Apparel..... | 11,300 | 11,100 | 11,400 | + 1.8 | - 0.9 |
| Furniture & Lumber..... | 6,600 | 6,600 | 6,800 | 0 | - 2.9 |
| Paper..... | 9,900 | 9,800 | 9,600 | + 1.0 | + 3.1 |
| Printing & Publishing.... | 24,200 | 24,100 | 24,000* | + 0.4 | + 0.8 |
| Chemicals..... | 19,100 | 18,700 | 19,000 | + 2.1 | + 0.5 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics.. | 13,400 | 13,300 | 13,400* | + 0.8 | 0 |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg.... | 13,600 | 13,600 | 13,000* | 0 | + 4.6 |
| Nonmanufacturing..... | 1,010,300* | 1,003,400* | 996,300* | + 0.7 | + 1.4 |
| Construction..... | 52,600* | 48,300* | 51,200* | + 8.9 | + 2.7 |
| Transportation (Inc. R.R.) | 32,000 | 31,800 | 32,700 | + 0.6 | - 2.1 |
| Communications..... | 18,400 | 18,300 | 17,900 | + 0.5 | + 2.8 |
| Utilities..... | 11,100 | 11,100 | 11,100 | 0 | 0 |
| Trade..... | 302,400 | 300,000 | 301,700* | + 0.8 | + 0.2 |
| Wholesale..... | 74,900 | 74,400 | 73,900* | + 0.7 | + 1.4 |
| Retail..... | 159,100 | 158,300 | 160,800 | + 0.5 | - 1.1 |
| Restaurants..... | 68,400 | 67,300 | 67,000 | + 1.6 | + 2.1 |
| Finance & Real Estate... | 48,000 | 46,900 | 45,900 | + 2.3 | + 4.6 |
| Insurance..... | 62,400 | 62,000 | 60,000 | + 0.6 | + 4.0 |
| Service..... | 300,300 | 299,800 | 290,100* | + 0.2 | + 3.5 |
| Hotels..... | 6,200 | 6,100 | 6,900 | + 1.6 | - 10.1 |
| Laundries & Pers. Serv. | 14,100 | 14,000 | 14,100 | + 0.7 | 0 |
| Health Services..... | 99,100 | 98,400 | 94,900* | + 0.7 | + 4.4 |
| Law & Professional..... | 20,600 | 20,600 | 20,100 | 0 | + 2.5 |
| Other Services..... | 160,300 | 160,700 | 154,100 | - 0.2 | + 4.0 |
| Government..... | 183,100 | 185,200 | 185,700 | - 1.1 | - 1.4 |
| Federal..... | 21,900 | 21,800 | 23,200 | + 0.5 | - 5.6 |
| State & Local..... | 161,200 | 163,400 | 162,500 | - 1.3 | - 0.8 |

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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# E A R N I N G S  A N D  H O U R S  -  J U N E  1 9 8 1

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | June 1981 | May 1981 | June 1980 | June 1981 | May 1981 | June 1980 | June 1981 | May 1981 | June 1980 |
| Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers) | $319.35 | $318.24 | $293.70 | 41.8 | 41.6 | 41.6 | $7.64 | $7.65 | $7.06 |
| Metallic Manufacturing..... | 329.64 | 328.50 | 307.10 | 42.1 | 41.9 | 42.3 | 7.83 | 7.84 | 7.26 |
| Primary Metals..... | 367.98 | 367.11 | 323.25 | 43.6 | 43.6 | 42.2 | 8.44 | 8.42 | 7.66 |
| Fabricated Metals..... | 304.56 | 303.96 | 277.20 | 42.3 | 42.1 | 42.0 | 7.20 | 7.22 | 6.60 |
| Machinery..... | 361.88 | 357.73 | 347.21 | 43.6 | 43.1 | 44.4 | 8.30 | 8.30 | 7.82 |
| Electrical Equipment..... | 264.92 | 263.04 | 235.99 | 41.2 | 41.1 | 40.9 | 6.43 | 6.40 | 5.77 |
| Transportation Equipment.... | 375.19 | 375.55 | 349.84 | 40.3 | 40.6 | 41.5 | 9.31 | 9.25 | 8.43 |
| Instruments and Clocks..... | 299.64 | 287.64 | 285.32 | 43.3 | 42.3 | 43.1 | 6.92 | 6.80 | 6.62 |
| Other Metallic Mfg..... | 277.64 | 272.35 | 252.18 | 44.0 | 41.9 | 42.1 | 6.31 | 6.50 | 5.99 |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing.... | 291.51 | 290.50 | 258.30 | 41.0 | 40.8 | 39.8 | 7.11 | 7.12 | 6.49 |
| Food..... | 308.43 | 301.10 | 290.65 | 41.4 | 40.8 | 40.2 | 7.45 | 7.38 | 7.23 |
| Textiles..... | 237.33 | 233.63 | 210.81 | 40.5 | 39.8 | 39.7 | 5.86 | 5.87 | 5.31 |
| Apparel..... | 186.22 | 183.50 | 163.99 | 36.3 | 35.7 | 36.2 | 5.13 | 5.14 | 4.53 |
| Lumber & Furniture..... | 235.17 | 240.44 | 209.67 | 40.2 | 41.1 | 38.9 | 5.85 | 5.85 | 5.39 |
| Paper..... | 363.13 | 357.50 | 332.32 | 46.2 | 45.6 | 45.9 | 7.86 | 7.84 | 7.24 |
| Printing & Publishing..... | 292.81 | 293.66 | 254.41 | 37.3 | 37.6 | 36.5 | 7.85 | 7.81 | 6.97 |
| Chemicals..... | 361.67 | 371.52 | 321.09 | 42.4 | 43.0 | 41.7 | 8.53 | 8.64 | 7.70 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics..... | 280.14 | 283.24 | 261.06 | 42.0 | 41.9 | 40.6 | 6.67 | 6.76 | 6.43 |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg..... | 317.39 | 306.79 | 267.19 | 43.3 | 42.2 | 40.3 | 7.33 | 7.27 | 6.63 |
| Construction..... | 457.45 | 443.07 | 427.36 | 37.9 | 36.8 | 39.1 | 12.07 | 12.04 | 10.93 |

# UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

| | June 1981 Number | June 1981 Ratio to Labor Force | May 1981 Number | May 1981 Ratio to Labor Force | June 1980 (R) Number | June 1980 (R) Ratio to Labor Force |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| State Totals*-Actual..... | 96,100 | 6.0 | 84,500 | 5.3 | 105,000 | 6.4 |
| Seasonally Adjusted.... | | (5.9) | | (5.8) | | (6.3) |
| Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted) | | | | | | |
| Ansonia..... | 1,700 | 9.9 | 1,300 | 8.0 | 1,800 | 9.8 |
| Bridgeport..... | 11,600 | 5.9 | 10,500 | 5.4 | 13,200 | 6.5 |
| Bristol..... | 2,600 | 7.2 | 2,300 | 6.5 | 3,500 | 9.1 |
| Danbury..... | 5,200 | 5.6 | 4,500 | 5.0 | 5,400 | 6.0 |
| Danielson..... | 2,300 | 8.0 | 2,200 | 7.7 | 3,000 | 9.8 |
| Hartford..... | 21,400 | 5.5 | 18,300 | 4.7 | 21,100 | 5.3 |
| Meriden..... | 2,400 | 8.8 | 2,100 | 8.2 | 2,300 | 8.7 |
| Middletown..... | 3,500 | 5.7 | 3,100 | 5.3 | 3,200 | 5.2 |
| New Britain..... | 5,000 | 6.5 | 4,200 | 5.5 | 4,800 | 6.1 |
| New Haven..... | 13,700 | 6.7 | 12,300 | 6.1 | 14,000 | 6.7 |
| New London-Norwich..... | 6,700 | 6.2 | 5,700 | 5.4 | 7,400 | 6.7 |
| Norwalk..... | 3,300 | 4.3 | 2,800 | 3.7 | 4,000 | 5.2 |
| Stamford..... | 4,600 | 3.8 | 4,200 | 3.5 | 6,800 | 5.4 |
| Torrington..... | 3,200 | 7.9 | 2,900 | 7.2 | 3,300 | 8.0 |
| Waterbury..... | 7,600 | 7.1 | 7,200 | 6.8 | 9,900 | 8.6 |
| Willimantic..... | 1,300 | 5.4 | 900 | 3.6 | 1,300 | 5.6 |
| U.S. Total-Actual..... | 8,279,000 | 7.7 | 7,545,000 | 7.1 | 8,291,000 | 7.8 |
| Seasonally Adjusted..... | | (7.3) | | (7.6) | | (7.5) |

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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## U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967=100)

| | June '81 | May '81 | June '80 |
|---|---|---|---|
| All Items..... | 271.3 | 269.0 | 247.6 |
| Percent Change From.... | xxx | + 0.9 | + 9.6 |

**BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI**-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

**THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.**

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area | June'81 | May'81 | June'80 (R) | Percent Change to June 1981 from: May'81 | June'80 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ANSONIA | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 8,620 | 8,560 | 8,890 | + 0.7 | - 3.0 |
| Manufacturing | 3,150 | 3,110 | 3,400 | + 1.3 | - 7.4 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 5,470 | 5,450 | 5,490 | + 0.4 | - 0.4 |
| BRIDGEPORT | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 172,170* | 171,090* | 170,290* | + 0.6 | + 1.1 |
| Manufacturing | 67,010 | 66,400 | 64,390* | + 0.9 | + 4.1 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 105,160* | 104,690* | 105,900 | + 0.4 | - 0.7 |
| BRISTOL | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 24,220 | 24,220 | 24,510* | 0.0 | - 1.2 |
| Manufacturing | 10,360 | 10,400 | 10,730* | - 0.4 | - 3.4 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 13,860 | 13,820 | 13,780 | + 0.3 | + 0.6 |
| DANBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 66,770 | 66,280* | 64,380 | + 0.7 | + 3.7 |
| Manufacturing | 22,340 | 21,990 | 21,340 | + 1.6 | + 4.7 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 44,430 | 44,290* | 43,040 | + 0.3 | + 3.2 |
| DANIELSON | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 20,460 | 20,280 | 20,090 | + 0.9 | + 1.8 |
| Manufacturing | 9,580 | 9,520 | 9,260 | + 0.6 | + 3.5 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 10,880 | 10,760 | 10,830 | + 1.1 | + 0.5 |
| HARTFORD | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 404,480 | 403,610 | 404,970* | + 0.2 | - 0.1 |
| Manufacturing | 97,510 | 97,970 | 102,130* | - 0.5 | - 4.5 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 306,970 | 305,640 | 302,840* | + 0.4 | + 1.4 |
| MERIDEN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 21,810 | 21,420 | 21,560 | + 1.8 | + 1.2 |
| Manufacturing | 5,700 | 5,530 | 5,890 | + 3.0 | - 3.2 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 16,110 | 15,890 | 15,670 | + 1.4 | + 2.8 |
| MIDDLETOWN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 47,420 | 47,200 | 47,960* | + 0.5 | - 1.1 |
| Manufacturing | 15,310 | 15,390 | 16,890 | - 0.5 | - 9.4 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 32,110 | 31,810 | 31,070* | + 0.9 | + 3.3 |
| NEW BRITAIN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 65,900 | 65,950 | 65,680* | - 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Manufacturing | 29,850 | 29,790 | 30,480* | + 0.2 | - 2.1 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 36,050 | 36,160 | 35,200 | - 0.3 | + 2.4 |
| NEW HAVEN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 193,380* | 193,340 | 194,540 | + 0.1 | - 0.6 |
| Manufacturing | 39,780* | 40,160 | 44,310 | - 0.9 | - 10.2 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 153,600 | 153,180 | 150,230 | + 0.3 | + 2.2 |
| NEW LONDON-NORWICH | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 95,110 | 94,010* | 94,150* | + 1.2 | + 1.0 |
| Manufacturing | 36,160 | 35,950 | 34,900 | + 0.6 | + 3.6 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 58,950 | 58,060* | 59,250* | + 1.5 | - 0.5 |
| NORWALK | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 64,330 | 63,130* | 63,010 | + 1.9 | + 2.1 |
| Manufacturing | 21,340 | 21,140 | 20,630 | + 0.9 | + 3.4 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 42,990 | 41,990* | 42,380 | + 2.4 | + 1.4 |

## AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area | June'81 | May'81 | June'80 (R) | Percent Change to June 1981 from: May'81 | June'80 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| STAMFORD | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 112,770* | 110,640* | 110,470 | + 1.9 | + 2.1 |
| Manufacturing | 31,320* | 31,220* | 31,500 | + 0.3 | - 0.6 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 81,450 | 79,420* | 78,970 | + 2.6 | + 3.1 |
| TORRINGTON | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 29,150 | 28,990 | 29,130 | + 0.6 | + 0.1 |
| Manufacturing | 10,520 | 10,480 | 10,420 | + 0.4 | + 1.0 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 18,630 | 18,510 | 18,710 | + 0.6 | - 0.4 |
| WATERBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 89,020 | 88,160* | 90,970* | + 1.0 | - 2.1 |
| Manufacturing | 32,940 | 32,810 | 33,830* | + 0.4 | - 2.6 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 56,080 | 55,350* | 57,140 | + 1.3 | - 1.9 |
| WILLIMANTIC | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 18,360 | 19,970 | 18,220 | - 8.1 | + 0.8 |
| Manufacturing | 3,010 | 3,010 | 3,010 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 15,350 | 16,960 | 15,210 | - 9.5 | + 0.9 |

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

## EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA - JUNE 1981

### MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

| | Average Weekly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Jun'81 | May'81 | Jun'80 | Jun'81 | May'81 | Jun'80 | Jun'81 | May'81 | Jun'80 |
| Ansonia | $359.91 | $355.72 | $333.43 | 43.0 | 42.5 | 42.1 | $8.37 | $8.37 | $7.92 |
| Bridgeport | 340.49 | 336.26 | 304.68 | 43.1 | 43.0 | 42.2 | 7.90 | 7.82 | 7.22 |
| Bristol | 359.72 | 350.15 | 330.42 | 40.6 | 39.7 | 40.1 | 8.86 | 8.82 | 8.24 |
| Danbury | 311.61 | 312.32 | 292.18 | 44.2 | 44.3 | 45.3 | 7.05 | 7.05 | 6.45 |
| Danielson | 257.79 | 256.37 | 223.94 | 39.0 | 39.2 | 37.2 | 6.61 | 6.54 | 6.02 |
| Hartford | 334.13 | 333.29 | 318.78 | 41.2 | 41.3 | 42.0 | 8.11 | 8.07 | 7.59 |
| Meriden | 280.70 | 283.87 | 271.97 | 40.8 | 41.2 | 42.1 | 6.88 | 6.89 | 6.46 |
| Middletown | 322.40 | 319.60 | 302.94 | 40.1 | 40.0 | 39.6 | 8.04 | 7.99 | 7.65 |
| New Britain | 335.20 | 330.85 | 308.00 | 42.7 | 42.2 | 42.6 | 7.85 | 7.84 | 7.23 |
| New Haven | 299.95 | 293.78 | 283.01 | 40.1 | 39.7 | 40.2 | 7.48 | 7.40 | 7.04 |
| New London-Norwich | 314.74 | 313.07 | 292.25 | 40.3 | 40.5 | 40.2 | 7.81 | 7.73 | 7.27 |
| Norwalk | 316.36 | 309.89 | 299.27 | 44.0 | 43.1 | 44.6 | 7.19 | 7.19 | 6.71 |
| Stamford | 295.40 | 293.76 | 281.54 | 41.2 | 41.2 | 42.4 | 7.17 | 7.13 | 6.64 |
| Torrington | 242.13 | 238.14 | 216.94 | 40.9 | 40.5 | 40.1 | 5.92 | 5.88 | 5.41 |
| Waterbury | 275.60 | 270.67 | 248.35 | 42.4 | 41.9 | 41.6 | 6.50 | 6.46 | 5.97 |
| Willimantic | 253.76 | 256.34 | 259.01 | 41.6 | 42.3 | 43.9 | 6.10 | 6.06 | 5.90 |

**Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.**

# CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| | Employment Nonag. (Thous.) | | New Hire Rate Manufacturing | | Av. Weekly Initial Claims | | Rate Total Unemployment | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. |
| 1980 | | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 1409.8 | 1427.6 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 7301 | 5213 | 6.1 | 5.5 |
| Feb.... | 1405.9 | 1429.8 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 4513 | 4843 | 5.7 | 5.2 |
| Mar.... | 1418.1 | 1436.3 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 3752 | 4641 | 5.6 | 5.2 |
| Apr.... | 1427.6 | 1425.5 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 5179 | 5708 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| May.... | 1435.9 | 1424.8 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 4807 | 6444 | 5.6 | 5.8 |
| Jun.... | 1441.8 | 1416.5 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 6289 | 7154 | 6.4 | 6.3 |
| Jul.... | 1415.6 | 1424.9 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 9917 | 6382 | 6.8 | 6.5 |
| Aug.... | 1406.0 | 1420.6 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 6643 | 6956 | 6.4 | 6.4 |
| Sep.... | 1422.1 | 1417.6 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 4175 | 6639 | 5.8 | 6.4 |
| Oct.... | 1428.9 | 1421.7 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 4256 | 6129 | 5.5 | 6.1 |
| Nov.... | 1436.8 | 1424.1 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 4464 | 5739 | 5.5 | 6.0 |
| Dec.... | 1443.6 | 1426.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 9094 | 5285 | 5.8 | 6.0 |
| 1981 | | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 1421.5 | 1438.8 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 7433 | 5305 | 7.1 | 5.9 |
| Feb.... | 1420.6 | 1445.2 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 4533 | 4864 | 6.8 | 5.9 |
| Mar.... | 1428.6 | 1447.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 4055 | 5019 | 6.2 | 6.0 |
| Apr.... | 1432.6 | 1429.7 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 4644 | 5120 | 5.8 | 6.0 |
| May.... | 1441.4 | 1430.0 | 1.7(R) | 1.5(R) | 3941 | 5282 | 5.3 | 5.8 |
| Jun.... | 1450.6 | 1425.0 | 2.2(P) | 1.8(P) | 5786 | 6582 | 6.0 | 5.9 |
| Jul.... | | | | | | | | |
| Aug.... | | | | | | | | |
| Sep.... | | | | | | | | |
| Oct.... | | | | | | | | |
| Nov.... | | | | | | | | |
| Dec.... | | | | | | | | |

| | Personal Income Millions | New Auto Registrations | | Average Work-Week Hours | | Mfg. Output (1967=100) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Seasonally Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. |
| 1980 | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 2672.8 | 8969 | 10175 | 42.6 | 42.4 | 121.1 | 116.6 |
| Feb.... | 2702.4 | 8265 | 10125 | 42.2 | 42.3 | 120.6 | 116.8 |
| Mar.... | 2706.0 | 13194 | 11325 | 42.2 | 42.1 | 121.9 | 116.9 |
| Apr.... | 2686.4 | 9931 | 10155 | 41.9 | 42.2 | 121.2 | 118.1 |
| May.... | 2696.9 | 9875 | 8903 | 41.8 | 42.0 | 120.0 | 116.8 |
| Jun.... | 2704.1 | 9868 | 8274 | 41.6 | 41.7 | 118.8 | 114.5 |
| Jul.... | 2747.7 | 9564 | 8646 | 41.3 | 41.6 | 100.5 | 113.1 |
| Aug.... | 2766.3 | 9916 | 8937 | 41.3 | 41.8 | 100.4 | 113.4 |
| Sep.... | 2786.4 | 9781 | 12069 | 41.3 | 41.4 | 116.2 | 114.2 |
| Oct.... | 2799.0 | 13032 | 12248 | 41.5 | 41.4 | 117.4 | 114.9 |
| Nov.... | 2810.3 | 8060 | 10056 | 42.0 | 41.6 | 120.2 | 116.1 |
| Dec.... | 2842.3 | 10979 | 11423 | 42.3 | 41.6 | 110.3 | 116.9 |
| 1981 | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 2888.1 | 9052 | 10275 | 42.1 | 41.9 | 119.7 | 115.2 |
| Feb.... | 2900.4 | 7491 | 9180 | 41.8 | 41.9 | 117.1 | 113.4 |
| Mar.... | 2917.3 | 11387 | 9774 | 41.8 | 41.7 | 120.3 | 115.5 |
| Apr.... | 2890.5 | 12979 | 13271 | 41.5 | 41.8 | 119.3 | 116.2 |
| May.... | 2906.6 | 9161 | 8328 | 41.6 | 41.8 | 119.3 | 116.1 |
| Jun.... | 2923.3 | 9387 | 7868 | 41.8 | 41.9 | 121.4 | 117.0 |
| Jul.... | | | | | | | |
| Aug.... | | | | | | | |
| Sep.... | | | | | | | |
| Oct.... | | | | | | | |
| Nov.... | | | | | | | |
| Dec.... | | | | | | | |

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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF CONNECTICUT WORKERS
COVERED UNDER UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION
(Including All Workers: Executive, Clerical, Supervisory, Sales etc.)

2ND QUARTER 1980, 1ST QUARTER 1980, 4th QUARTER 1979, 3RD QUARTER 1979

| INDUSTRY | 2nd Qtr. 1980 | 1st Qtr. 1980 | 4th Qtr. 1979 | 3rd Qtr. 1979 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total..... | $280.36 | $282.74 | $275.06 | $255.66 |
| Total Manufacturing..... | 347.99 | 353.92 | 339.82 | 313.86 |
| Total Nonmanufacturing..... | 249.63 | 249.29 | 245.47 | 229.03 |
| Construction..... | 345.29 | 351.34 | 345.76 | 314.09 |
| Transportation..... | 287.34 | 277.66 | 292.85 | 275.95 |
| Communications & Utilities..... | 396.88 | 395.26 | 384.68 | 383.50 |
| Trade..... | 207.78 | 211.92 | 206.75 | 195.73 |
| Wholesale..... | 365.44 | 379.81 | 364.75 | 332.95 |
| Retail..... | 181.83 | 179.32 | 179.13 | 173.54 |
| Restaurants..... | 99.29 | 99.99 | 98.33 | 95.55 |
| Finance & Real Estate..... | 257.87 | 272.62 | 268.93 | 247.22 |
| Insurance..... | 327.75 | 346.96 | 319.31 | 307.30 |
| Service..... | 223.27 | 219.95 | 219.34 | 205.51 |
| Hotels..... | 142.12 | 143.22 | 144.54 | 125.87 |
| Laundries, Dyeing & Cleaning. | 157.97 | 156.06 | 158.04 | 149.49 |
| Business Service..... | 238.52 | 237.70 | 251.45 | 220.94 |
| Auto Repair Service & Garage. | 218.99 | 217.67 | 226.06 | 210.49 |
| Health Services..... | 241.70 | 231.41 | 224.70 | 227.12 |
| Government..... | 275.69 | 264.31 | 258.06 | 231.52 |

# CONNECTICUT LABOR SITUATION

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CONNECTICUT LABOR DEPARTMENT

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION
HARTFORD 06115

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August 1981

Seasonal factors caused employment in Connecticut to move downward in July, while the level and rate of unemployment edged slightly higher. At the same time, personal income of state residents continued a slow advance and several other economic indicators reflected mixed trends, according to State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Largely as a result of seasonal forces, nonagricultural employment in Connecticut fell to 1,427,900 in July, down by 22,700 from June. Some factory cutbacks did take place, notably in transportation equipment manufacturing, but much of the factory sector decline was due to summer vacation shutdowns. The greater part of a job loss in government and transportation services was attributed to the furloughing of school support staff such as cafeteria workers and school bus drivers who normally do not work during the summer. The trade industry workforce also traditionally declines in the warmer summer months and this year was no exception. Over the past year, however, slow growth has characterized the state employment picture, and since July 1980 an estimated 12,300 more jobs have been added.

Average weekly earnings of factory production workers dropped by $1.40 in July to $317.95 due to a shorter workweek of 41.4 hours. Hourly earnings of the state's production workers averaged $7.68, an increase of four cents from June. Adjusted to a straight-time, 40-hour workweek to remove the effects of overtime payments, the hourly wage rose six cents to $7.38 during July for a gain of 55 cents or 8 percent over the past year. The highest hourly wages were earned by production workers in factories in the Bristol labor market area where the overall average was $8.89 per hour, followed by factory workers in the Ansonia area at $8.35 and in the Hartford area at $8.12.

Unemployment: Statewide joblessness increased to 101,600 or 6.3 percent of the labor force, slightly more than expected if normal seasonal patterns were followed. As a result, when adjusted for seasonality the statewide unemployment rate moved up from June's 5.9 percent to 6.1, still well below the comparable national rate which was recorded at 7.0 percent in July. Higher unemployment was reported in fourteen of Connecticut's sixteen labor market areas while the totals remained unchanged in two.

Other Indicators: After adjustment for seasonality, a number of the indicators used to monitor the state's economy showed mixed behavior; although all but one -- new auto registrations -- were in a better position this year than they were a year earlier. Average weekly initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits declined in July, personal income of state residents advanced, new auto registrations grew, and the manufacturing output rate was essentially unchanged. On the down side, the average workweek of factory production workers was slightly shorter in July than in June and new hires at manufacturing establishments were somewhat reduced.

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# CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

July 1981

| | July 1981 | June 1981 | July (R) 1980 | % Change July '81 over June '81 | % Change July '81 over July '80 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Nonag. Employment..... | 1,427,900* | 1,450,600* | 1,415,600* | - 1.6 | + 0.9 |
| Manufacturing..... | 432,300* | 440,300* | 436,500* | - 1.8 | - 1.0 |
| Metallic Manufacturing.... | 314,600* | 321,300 | 320,900* | - 2.1 | - 2.0 |
| Primary Metals..... | 20,300* | 20,700* | 20,600* | - 1.9 | - 1.5 |
| Fabricated Metals..... | 64,000 | 65,300 | 63,900* | - 2.0 | + 0.2 |
| Machinery, Ex. Elec..... | 61,800 | 62,400 | 62,300 | - 1.0 | - 0.8 |
| Electrical Equipment..... | 51,200 | 52,100 | 51,000 | - 1.7 | + 0.4 |
| Transportation Equip..... | 82,500 | 85,200 | 87,700* | - 3.2 | - 5.9 |
| Instruments & Clocks..... | 27,200* | 27,500* | 27,400 | - 1.1 | - 0.7 |
| Other Metallic Mfg..... | 7,600 | 8,100 | 8,000 | - 6.2 | - 5.0 |
| Nonmetallic Mfg..... | 117,700 | 119,000 | 115,600* | - 1.1 | + 1.8 |
| Food..... | 12,600 | 12,700 | 12,700 | - 0.8 | - 0.8 |
| Textiles..... | 8,000 | 8,200 | 7,700 | - 2.4 | + 3.9 |
| Apparel..... | 10,500 | 11,300 | 10,100 | - 7.1 | + 4.0 |
| Furniture & Lumber..... | 6,400 | 6,600 | 6,200 | - 3.0 | + 3.2 |
| Paper..... | 9,900 | 9,900 | 9,400 | 0.0 | + 5.3 |
| Printing & Publishing.... | 24,200 | 24,200 | 23,800* | 0.0 | + 1.7 |
| Chemicals..... | 19,200 | 19,100 | 19,000 | + 0.5 | + 1.1 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plast..... | 13,400 | 13,400 | 13,600 | 0.0 | - 1.5 |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg.... | 13,500 | 13,600 | 13,100 | - 0.7 | + 3.1 |
| Nonmanufacturing..... | 995,600 | 1,010,300* | 979,100* | - 1.5 | + 1.7 |
| Construction..... | 53,200 | 52,600* | 51,800* | + 1.1 | + 2.7 |
| Transp. (Inc. R.R.)..... | 28,900 | 32,000 | 30,300 | - 9.7 | - 4.6 |
| Communications..... | 18,500 | 18,400 | 17,900 | + 0.5 | + 3.4 |
| Utilities..... | 11,200 | 11,100 | 11,200 | + 0.9 | 0.0 |
| Trade..... | 299,000 | 302,400 | 297,800* | - 1.2 | + 0.4 |
| Wholesale..... | 74,400 | 74,900 | 74,100* | - 0.7 | + 0.4 |
| Retail..... | 157,900 | 159,100 | 158,300 | - 0.7 | - 0.3 |
| Restaurants..... | 66,700 | 68,400 | 65,400 | - 2.5 | + 2.0 |
| Finance & Real Estate.... | 48,400 | 48,000 | 46,000 | + 0.8 | + 5.2 |
| Insurance..... | 62,700 | 62,400 | 60,700 | + 0.5 | + 3.3 |
| Service..... | 299,700 | 300,300 | 288,500* | - 0.2 | + 3.9 |
| Hotels..... | 7,000 | 6,200 | 7,900 | + 12.9 | - 11.4 |
| Laundries & Pers. Serv.. | 13,900 | 14,100 | 13,800 | - 1.4 | + 0.7 |
| Health Services..... | 98,700 | 99,100 | 94,500 | - 0.4 | + 4.4 |
| Law & Professional..... | 20,600 | 20,600 | 20,000 | 0.0 | + 3.0 |
| Other Services..... | 159,500 | 160,300 | 152,300 | - 0.5 | + 4.7 |
| Government..... | 174,000 | 183,100 | 174,900 | - 5.0 | - 0.5 |
| Federal..... | 22,100 | 21,900 | 22,900 | + 0.9 | - 3.5 |
| State & Local..... | 151,900 | 161,200 | 152,000 | - 5.8 | - 0.1 |

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | July 1981 | June 1981 | July 1980 | July 1981 | June 1981 | July 1980 | July 1981 | June 1981 | July 1980 |
| Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers) | $317.95 | $319.35 | $293.23 | 41.4 | 41.8 | 41.3 | $7.68 | $7.64 | $7.10 |
| Metallic Manufacturing..... | 328.18 | 329.64 | 305.45 | 41.7 | 42.1 | 41.9 | 7.87 | 7.83 | 7.29 |
| Primary Metals..... | 367.16 | 367.98 | 316.71 | 43.4 | 43.6 | 41.4 | 8.46 | 8.44 | 7.65 |
| Fabricated Metals..... | 304.50 | 304.56 | 272.24 | 42.0 | 42.3 | 41.5 | 7.25 | 7.20 | 6.56 |
| Machinery..... | 356.44 | 361.88 | 339.68 | 43.1 | 43.6 | 44.0 | 8.27 | 8.30 | 7.72 |
| Electrical Equipment..... | 269.93 | 264.92 | 235.94 | 41.4 | 41.2 | 40.4 | 6.52 | 6.43 | 5.84 |
| Transportation Equipment.... | 368.32 | 375.19 | 352.67 | 39.1 | 40.3 | 41.2 | 9.42 | 9.31 | 8.56 |
| Instruments and Clocks..... | 312.84 | 299.64 | 284.38 | 44.0 | 43.3 | 42.7 | 7.11 | 6.92 | 6.66 |
| Other Metallic Mfg..... | 276.38 | 277.64 | 257.79 | 43.8 | 44.0 | 42.4 | 6.31 | 6.31 | 6.08 |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing.... | 290.39 | 291.51 | 261.09 | 40.5 | 41.0 | 39.8 | 7.17 | 7.11 | 6.56 |
| Food..... | 309.75 | 308.43 | 295.61 | 41.3 | 41.4 | 41.0 | 7.50 | 7.45 | 7.21 |
| Textiles..... | 233.63 | 237.33 | 203.45 | 39.8 | 40.5 | 38.9 | 5.87 | 5.86 | 5.23 |
| Apparel..... | 182.50 | 186.22 | 163.44 | 35.3 | 36.3 | 36.0 | 5.17 | 5.13 | 4.54 |
| Lumber & Furniture..... | 228.14 | 235.17 | 217.60 | 39.2 | 40.2 | 40.0 | 5.82 | 5.85 | 5.44 |
| Paper..... | 362.15 | 363.13 | 333.23 | 45.9 | 45.2 | 45.9 | 7.89 | 7.86 | 7.26 |
| Printing & Publishing..... | 292.56 | 292.81 | 257.33 | 36.8 | 37.3 | 36.5 | 7.95 | 7.85 | 7.05 |
| Chemicals..... | 363.36 | 361.67 | 318.78 | 42.3 | 42.4 | 41.4 | 8.59 | 8.53 | 7.70 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics..... | 275.46 | 280.14 | 263.57 | 41.8 | 42.0 | 40.8 | 6.59 | 6.67 | 6.46 |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg..... | 315.03 | 317.39 | 267.06 | 42.4 | 43.3 | 39.8 | 7.43 | 7.33 | 6.71 |
| Construction..... | 459.27 | 457.45 | 415.34 | 37.8 | 37.9 | 38.6 | 12.15 | 12.07 | 10.76 |

# UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

| | July 1981 Number | July 1981 Ratio to Labor Force | June 1981 Number | June 1981 Ratio to Labor Force | July 1980 (R) Number | July 1980 (R) Ratio to Labor Force |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| State Totals*-Actual..... | 101,600 | 6.3 | 96,100 | 6.0 | 110,600 | 6.8 |
| Seasonally Adjusted.... | | (6.1) | | (5.9) | | (6.5) |
| Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted) | | | | | | |
| Ansonia..... | 1,600 | 9.9 | 1,700 | 9.9 | 1,900 | 10.4 |
| Bridgeport..... | 12,100 | 6.2 | 11,600 | 5.9 | 13,800 | 6.9 |
| Bristol..... | 2,900 | 8.0 | 2,600 | 7.2 | 3,800 | 10.2 |
| Danbury..... | 5,500 | 5.9 | 5,200 | 5.6 | 5,600 | 6.2 |
| Danielson..... | 2,600 | 9.0 | 2,300 | 8.0 | 4,000 | 13.0 |
| Hartford..... | 22,200 | 5.7 | 21,400 | 5.5 | 21,300 | 5.4 |
| Meriden..... | 2,400 | 9.1 | 2,400 | 8.8 | 2,800 | 10.3 |
| Middletown..... | 3,600 | 5.9 | 3,500 | 5.7 | 3,500 | 5.6 |
| New Britain..... | 5,400 | 7.1 | 5,000 | 6.5 | 5,700 | 7.4 |
| New Haven..... | 13,900 | 6.9 | 13,700 | 6.7 | 14,500 | 7.0 |
| New London-Norwich..... | 6,900 | 6.4 | 6,700 | 6.2 | 7,500 | 6.8 |
| Norwalk..... | 3,600 | 4.7 | 3,300 | 4.3 | 4,200 | 5.4 |
| Stamford..... | 4,800 | 3.9 | 4,600 | 3.8 | 5,400 | 4.4 |
| Torrington..... | 3,600 | 8.6 | 3,200 | 7.9 | 4,100 | 9.3 |
| Waterbury..... | 9,200 | 8.5 | 7,600 | 7.1 | 11,000 | 9.6 |
| Willimantic..... | 1,300 | 5.4 | 1,300 | 5.4 | 1,500 | 6.6 |
| U.S. Total-Actual..... | 7,934,000 | 7.3 | 8,279,000 | 7.7 | 8,410,000 | 7.9 |
| Seasonally Adjusted | | (7.0) | | (7.3) | | (7.6) |

*State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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## U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967=100)

| | July '81 | June '81 | July '80 |
|---|---|---|---|
| All Items..... | 274.4 | 271.3 | 247.8 |
| Percent Change From.... | xxx | +1.1 | +10.7 |

**BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI**-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

**THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.**

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area | July'81 | June'81 | July'80(R) | Percent Change to July 1981 from: June'81 | July'80 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ANSONIA | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 8,270 | 8,620 | 8,650 | - 4.1 | - 4.4 |
| Manufacturing | 3,110 | 3,150 | 3,420 | - 1.3 | - 9.1 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 5,160 | 5,470 | 5,230 | - 5.7 | - 1.3 |
| BRIDGEPORT | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 171,040 | 172,170* | 170,290* | - 0.7 | + 0.4 |
| Manufacturing | 66,820 | 67,010 | 64,390* | - 0.3 | + 3.8 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 104,220 | 105,160* | 105,900 | - 0.9 | - 1.6 |
| BRISTOL | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 23,500 | 24,220 | 23,520* | - 3.0 | - 0.1 |
| Manufacturing | 10,200 | 10,360 | 10,540* | - 1.5 | - 3.2 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 13,300 | 13,860 | 12,980 | - 4.0 | + 2.5 |
| DANBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 65,420 | 66,770 | 63,420 | - 2.0 | + 3.2 |
| Manufacturing | 22,220 | 22,340 | 21,160 | - 0.5 | + 5.0 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 43,200 | 44,430 | 42,260 | - 2.8 | + 2.2 |
| DANIELSON | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 19,790 | 20,460 | 19,580 | - 3.3 | + 1.1 |
| Manufacturing | 9,400 | 9,580 | 9,000 | - 1.9 | + 4.4 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 10,390 | 10,880 | 10,580 | - 4.5 | - 1.8 |
| HARTFORD | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 397,260 | 404,480 | 398,410* | - 1.8 | - 0.3 |
| Manufacturing | 95,480 | 97,510 | 100,270* | - 2.1 | - 4.8 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 301,780 | 306,970 | 298,140* | - 1.7 | + 1.2 |
| MERIDEN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 21,390 | 21,810 | 21,110 | - 1.9 | + 1.3 |
| Manufacturing | 5,630 | 5,700 | 5,650 | - 1.2 | - 0.4 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 15,760 | 16,110 | 15,460 | - 2.2 | + 1.9 |
| MIDDLETOWN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 46,670 | 47,420 | 46,430* | - 1.6 | + 0.5 |
| Manufacturing | 15,260 | 15,310 | 16,060* | - 0.3 | - 5.0 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 31,410 | 32,110 | 30,370* | - 2 2 | + 3.4 |
| NEW BRITAIN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 63,630 | 65,900 | 62,420* | - 3.4 | - 1.9 |
| Manufacturing | 28,310 | 29,850 | 27,850* | - 5.2 | - 1.7 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 35,320 | 36,050 | 34,570 | - 2.0 | + 2.2 |
| NEW HAVEN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 189,000* | 193,380* | 191,150* | - 2.3 | - 1.1 |
| Manufacturing | 38,910* | 39,780* | 43,030 | - 2.2 | - 9.6 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 150,090 | 153,600 | 148,120* | - 2.3 | + 1.3 |
| NEW LONDON-NORWICH | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 93,720 | 95,110 | 94,280* | - 1.5 | - 0.6 |
| Manufacturing | 34,830 | 36,160 | 35,690 | - 3.7 | - 2.4 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 58,890 | 58,950 | 58,590* | - 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| NORWALK | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 63,830 | 64,330 | 62,160* | - 0.8 | + 2.7 |
| Manufacturing | 21,430 | 21,340 | 20,700 | + 0.4 | + 3.5 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 42,400 | 42,990 | 41,460* | - 1.4 | - 2.3 |

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area | July'81 | June'81 | July'80 (R) | Percent Change to July 1981 from: June'81 | July'80 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| STAMFORD | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 111,530* | 112,770* | 108,840* | - 1.1 | + 2.5 |
| Manufacturing | 31,200* | 31,320* | 30,870 | - 0.4 | + 1.1 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 80,330 | 81,450 | 77,970* | - 1.4 | + 3.0 |
| TORRINGTON | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 28,740 | 29,150 | 29,750 | - 1.4 | - 3.4 |
| Manufacturing | 10,120 | 10,520 | 10,400 | - 3.8 | - 2.7 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 18,620 | 18,630 | 19,350 | - 0.1 | - 3.8 |
| WATERBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 87,930 | 89,020 | 88,970* | - 1.2 | - 1.2 |
| Manufacturing | 32,220 | 32,940 | 32,410* | - 2.2 | - 0.6 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 55,710 | 56,080 | 56,560 | - 0.7 | - 1.5 |
| WILLIMANTIC | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 17,550 | 18,360 | 17,310 | - 4.4 | + 1.4 |
| Manufacturing | 2,980 | 3,010 | 2,920 | - 1.0 | + 2.1 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 14,570 | 15,350 | 14,390 | - 5.1 | + 1.3 |

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS AND LABOR MARKET AREA - JULY 1981

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

| | Average Weekly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Jul'81 | Jun'81 | Jul'80 | Jul'81 | Jun'81 | Jul'80 | Jul'81 | Jun'81 | Jul'80 |
| Ansonia | $381.60 | $359.91 | $321.58 | 45.7 | 43.0 | 40.4 | $8.35 | $8.37 | $7.96 |
| Bridgeport | 341.91 | 340.49 | 313.60 | 42.9 | 43.1 | 42.9 | 7.97 | 7.90 | 7.31 |
| Bristol | 367.16 | 359.72 | 326.30 | 41.3 | 40.6 | 39.6 | 8.89 | 8.86 | 8.24 |
| Danbury | 308.42 | 311.61 | 282.53 | 43.5 | 44.2 | 43.6 | 7.09 | 7.05 | 6.48 |
| Danielson | 258.02 | 257.79 | 225.70 | 38.8 | 39.0 | 37.0 | 6.65 | 6.61 | 6.10 |
| Hartford | 328.86 | 334.13 | 311.88 | 40.5 | 41.2 | 41.2 | 8.12 | 8.11 | 7.57 |
| Meriden | 284.96 | 280.70 | 262.20 | 41.6 | 40.8 | 40.4 | 6.85 | 6.88 | 6.49 |
| Middletown | 319.56 | 322.40 | 304.92 | 39.5 | 40.1 | 39.6 | 8.09 | 8.04 | 7.70 |
| New Britain | 331.57 | 335.20 | 310.17 | 42.4 | 42.7 | 42.2 | 7.82 | 7.85 | 7.35 |
| New Haven | 303.75 | 299.95 | 280.80 | 40.5 | 40.1 | 40.0 | 7.50 | 7.48 | 7.02 |
| New London-Norwich | 315.99 | 314.74 | 295.40 | 40.1 | 40.3 | 40.3 | 7.88 | 7.81 | 7.33 |
| Norwalk | 328.50 | 316.36 | 304.87 | 45.0 | 44.0 | 44.9 | 7.30 | 7.19 | 6.79 |
| Stamford | 298.19 | 295.40 | 284.14 | 41.3 | 41.2 | 42.6 | 7.22 | 7.17 | 6.67 |
| Torrington | 241.08 | 242.13 | 215.12 | 41.0 | 40.9 | 39.4 | 5.88 | 5.92 | 5.46 |
| Waterbury | 267.73 | 275.60 | 244.99 | 41.0 | 42.4 | 40.9 | 6.53 | 6.50 | 5.99 |
| Willimantic | 263.16 | 253.76 | 268.77 | 43.0 | 41.6 | 45.4 | 6.12 | 6.10 | 5.92 |

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

# CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| | Employment Nonag. (Thous.) | | New Hire Rate Manufacturing | | Av. Weekly Initial Claims | | Rate Total Unemployment | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. |
| 1980 | | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 1409.8 | 1427.6 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 7301 | 5213 | 6.1 | 5.5 |
| Feb.... | 1405.9 | 1429.8 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 4513 | 4843 | 5.7 | 5.2 |
| Mar.... | 1418.1 | 1436.3 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 3752 | 4641 | 5.6 | 5.2 |
| Apr.... | 1427.6 | 1425.5 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 5179 | 5708 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| May.... | 1435.9 | 1424.8 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 4807 | 6444 | 5.6 | 5.8 |
| Jun.... | 1441.8 | 1416.5 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 6289 | 7154 | 6.4 | 6.3 |
| Jul.... | 1415.6 | 1424.9 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 9917 | 6382 | 6.8 | 6.5 |
| Aug.... | 1406.0 | 1420.6 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 6643 | 6956 | 6.4 | 6.4 |
| Sep.... | 1422.1 | 1417.6 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 4175 | 6639 | 5.8 | 6.4 |
| Oct.... | 1428.9 | 1421.7 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 4256 | 6129 | 5.5 | 6.1 |
| Nov.... | 1436.8 | 1424.1 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 4464 | 5739 | 5.5 | 6.0 |
| Dec.... | 1443.6 | 1426.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 9094 | 5285 | 5.8 | 6.0 |
| 1981 | | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 1421.5 | 1438.8 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 7433 | 5305 | 7.1 | 5.9 |
| Feb.... | 1420.6 | 1445.2 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 4533 | 4864 | 6.8 | 5.9 |
| Mar.... | 1428.6 | 1447.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 4055 | 5019 | 6.2 | 6.0 |
| Apr.... | 1432.6 | 1429.7 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 4644 | 5120 | 5.8 | 6.0 |
| May.... | 1441.4 | 1430.0 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 3941 | 5282 | 5.3 | 5.8 |
| Jun.... | 1450.6 | 1425.0 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 5786 | 6582 | 6.0 | 5.9 |
| Jul.... | 1427.9 | 1436.5 | 1.5(P) | 1.6(P) | 8374 | 5389 | 6.3 | 6.1 |
| Aug.... | | | | | | | | |
| Sep.... | | | | | | | | |
| Oct.... | | | | | | | | |
| Nov.... | | | | | | | | |
| Dec.... | | | | | | | | |

| | Personal Income Millions | New Auto Registrations | | Average Work-Week Hours | | Mfg. Output (1967=100) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Seasonally Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. |
| 1980 | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 2672.8 | 8969 | 10175 | 42.6 | 42.4 | 121.1 | 116.6 |
| Feb.... | 2702.4 | 8265 | 10125 | 42.2 | 42.3 | 120.6 | 116.8 |
| Mar.... | 2706.0 | 13194 | 11325 | 42.2 | 42.1 | 121.9 | 116.9 |
| Apr.... | 2686.4 | 9931 | 10155 | 41.9 | 42.2 | 121.2 | 118.1 |
| May.... | 2696.9 | 9875 | 8903 | 41.8 | 42.0 | 120.0 | 116.8 |
| Jun.... | 2704.1 | 9868 | 8274 | 41.6 | 41.7 | 118.8 | 114.5 |
| Jul.... | 2747.7 | 9564 | 8646 | 41.3 | 41.6 | 100.5 | 113.1 |
| Aug.... | 2766.3 | 9916 | 8937 | 41.3 | 41.8 | 100.4 | 113.4 |
| Sep.... | 2786.4 | 9781 | 12069 | 41.3 | 41.4 | 116.2 | 114.2 |
| Oct.... | 2799.0 | 13032 | 12248 | 41.5 | 41.4 | 117.4 | 114.9 |
| Nov.... | 2810.3 | 8060 | 10056 | 42.0 | 41.6 | 120.2 | 116.1 |
| Dec.... | 2842.3 | 10979 | 11423 | 42.3 | 41.6 | 110.3 | 116.9 |
| 1981 | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 2888.1 | 9052 | 10275 | 42.1 | 41.9 | 119.7 | 115.2 |
| Feb.... | 2900.4 | 7491 | 9180 | 41.8 | 41.9 | 117.1 | 113.4 |
| Mar.... | 2917.3 | 11387 | 9774 | 41.8 | 41.7 | 120.3 | 115.5 |
| Apr.... | 2890.5 | 12979 | 13271 | 41.5 | 41.8 | 119.3 | 116.2 |
| May.... | 2906.6 | 9161 | 8328 | 41.6 | 41.8 | 119.3 | 116.1 |
| Jun.... | 2923.3 | 9387 | 7868 | 41.8 | 41.9 | 121.4 | 117.0 |
| Jul.... | 2943.5 | 9219 | 8335 | 41.4 | 41.7 | 104.0 | 117.1 |
| Aug.... | | | | | | | |
| Sep.... | | | | | | | |
| Oct.... | | | | | | | |
| Nov.... | | | | | | | |
| Dec.... | | | | | | | |

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# CONNECTICUT LABOR SITUATION

CONNECTICUT LABOR DEPARTMENT

JOB SERVICE

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION
HARTFORD 06115

P. JOSEPH PERARO
COMMISSIONER

September 1981

Temporary vacation closings and other seasonal cutbacks combined to reflect lower employment in August when personal income continued to increase, setting another record high, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro. Seasonally adjusted economic indicators improved during the month and there was a seasonal unemployment rise.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonfarm wage and salary employment declined by 8,600 in August to 1,419,300, which compared with 1,406,000 last year (Page 2). Seasonal cutbacks in retail and government together with summer factory vacation shutdowns were largely responsible for the reduction. The August drop in government employment was due to the release of temporary workers hired for short-term projects.

Average weekly earnings of factory production workers dropped by $1.18 to $316.77 in August for a slightly shorter workweek of 41.3 hours (Page 3). Although hourly earnings declined by one cent to $7.67, this mid-August figure was 54-cents higher than the August 1980 rate of $7.13. Figured on a straight-time 40-hour workweek, average hourly earnings this August were $7.38 or $295.20 per week, 6.7 percent above the $6.92 and $276.80 averages of a year ago.

Unemployment: Unemployment dropped slightly from 101,600 in July to 100,200 in August with the rate remaining at 6.3 percent (Page 4). When computed on a seasonally adjusted basis, however, the rate went from 6.1 to 6.5 percent which compared with a 7.2 percent national rate. Lower unemployment was recorded in eight labor market areas (Page 4), increased in seven and was unchanged in Stamford. Included in the unemployment estimates are those persons receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired, persons entering or reentering the labor force and workers not entitled to receive pay during vacation closings.

Other Indicators: Most of the seasonally adjusted economic indicators improved from July. The new hire rate for manufacturing firms was up, personal income of state residents hit an all-time high, new auto registrations grew, the average workweek in manufacturing was longer and manufacturing output gained. Average weekly initial unemployment claims increased over the month but were below last year's level (Page 7).

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# C O N N E C T I C U T  N O N A G R I C U L T U R A L  E M P L O Y M E N T

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

August 1981

| | Aug. 1981 | July 1981 | Aug. (R) 1980 | % Change Aug. '81 over July '81 | % Change Aug. '81 over Aug. '80 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Nonag. Employment.... | 1,419,300* | 1,427,900* | 1,406,000* | - 0.6 | + 0.9 |
| Manufacturing..... | 429,300* | 432,300* | 429,000* | - 0.7 | + 0.1 |
| Metallic Manufacturing... | 310,500* | 314,600* | 312,700* | - 1.3 | - 0.7 |
| Primary Metals..... | 20,400 | 20,300* | 19,300* | + 0.5 | + 5.7 |
| Fabricated Metals..... | 63,900 | 64,000 | 63,600 | - 0.2 | + 0.5 |
| Machinery, Ex. Elec..... | 60,500 | 61,800 | 60,100 | - 2.1 | + 0.7 |
| Electrical Equip..... | 51,500 | 51,200 | 49,500 | + 0.6 | + 4.0 |
| Transp. Equip..... | 79,700 | 82,500 | 85,400* | - 3.4 | - 6.7 |
| Instruments & Clocks.... | 27,000* | 27,200* | 26,600 | - 0.7 | + 1.5 |
| Other Metallic Mfg..... | 7,500 | 7,600 | 8,200 | - 1.3 | - 8.5 |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing | 118,800 | 117,700 | 116,300* | + 0.9 | + 2.1 |
| Food..... | 12,700 | 12,600 | 12,600 | + 0.8 | + 0.8 |
| Textiles..... | 8,100 | 8,000 | 7,800 | + 1.3 | + 3.8 |
| Apparel..... | 11,600 | 10,500 | 10,300 | + 10.5 | + 12.6 |
| Furniture & Lumber..... | 6,600 | 6,400 | 6,700 | + 3.1 | - 1.5 |
| Paper..... | 9,900 | 9,900 | 9,300 | 0.0 | + 6.5 |
| Printing & Publishing... | 24,300 | 24,200 | 23,900* | + 0.4 | + 1.7 |
| Chemicals..... | 19,100 | 19,200 | 19,200 | - 0.5 | - 0.5 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plast.... | 13,400 | 13,400 | 13,500* | 0.0 | - 0.7 |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg... | 13,100 | 13,500 | 13,000 | - 3.0 | + 0.8 |
| Nonmanufacturing..... | 990,000* | 995,600 | 977,000* | - 0.6 | + 1.3 |
| Construction..... | 53,400* | 53,200 | 52,000 | + 0.4 | + 2.7 |
| Transp. (Inc. R.R.)..... | 28,500 | 28,900 | 30,400 | - 1.4 | - 6.3 |
| Communications..... | 18,500 | 18,500 | 17,900 | 0.0 | + 3.4 |
| Utilities..... | 11,300 | 11,200 | 11,100 | + 0.9 | + 1.8 |
| Trade..... | 297,200 | 299,000 | 297,100* | - 0.6 | + 0.0** |
| Wholesale..... | 75,000 | 74,400 | 74,200* | + 0.8 | + 1.1 |
| Retail..... | 155,600 | 157,900 | 157,500 | - 1.5 | - 1.2 |
| Restaurants..... | 66,600 | 66,700 | 65,400 | - 0.1 | + 1.8 |
| Finance & Real Estate... | 48,400 | 48,400 | 46,000 | 0.0 | + 5.2 |
| Insurance..... | 62,900 | 62,700 | 60,800 | + 0.3 | + 3.5 |
| Service..... | 297,900 | 299,700 | 288,000* | - 0.6 | + 3.4 |
| Hotels..... | 7,300 | 7,000 | 7,900 | + 4.3 | - 7.6 |
| Laundries & Pers. Serv. | 13,800 | 13,900 | 13,700 | - 0.7 | + 0.7 |
| Health Services..... | 98,400 | 98,700 | 94,400* | - 0.3 | + 4.2 |
| Law & Professional..... | 20,700 | 20,600 | 20,000 | + 0.5 | + 3.5 |
| Other Services..... | 157,700 | 159,500 | 152,000 | - 1.1 | + 3.8 |
| Government..... | 171,900 | 174,000 | 173,700 | - 1.2 | - 1.0 |
| Federal..... | 21,900* | 22,100 | 22,400 | - 0.9 | - 2.2 |
| State & Local..... | 150,000 | 151,900 | 151,300 | - 1.3 | - 0.9 |

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** Less than 0.05 percent

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# E A R N I N G S  A N D  H O U R S  -  A U G U S T  1 9 8 1

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Aug. 1981 | July 1981 | Aug. 1980 | Aug. 1981 | July 1981 | Aug. 1980 | Aug. 1981 | July 1981 | Aug. 1980 |
| Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers) | $316.77 | $317.95 | $294.47 | 41.3 | 41.4 | 41.3 | $7.67 | $7.68 | $7.13 |
| Metallic Manufacturing..... | 327.76 | 328.18 | 307.13 | 41.7 | 41.7 | 41.9 | 7.86 | 7.87 | 7.33 |
| Primary Metals..... | 360.80 | 367.16 | 325.43 | 42.8 | 43.4 | 42.1 | 8.43 | 8.46 | 7.73 |
| Fabricated Metals..... | 305.41 | 304.50 | 272.33 | 42.3 | 42.0 | 41.2 | 7.22 | 7.25 | 6.61 |
| Machinery..... | 357.38 | 356.44 | 336.35 | 42.8 | 43.1 | 43.4 | 8.35 | 8.27 | 7.75 |
| Electrical Equipment..... | 262.75 | 269.93 | 234.99 | 40.8 | 41.4 | 40.1 | 6.44 | 6.52 | 5.86 |
| Transportation Equipment.... | 373.28 | 368.32 | 363.32 | 39.5 | 39.1 | 42.1 | 9.45 | 9.42 | 8.63 |
| Instruments and Clocks..... | 311.18 | 312.84 | 286.81 | 43.4 | 44.0 | 43.0 | 7.17 | 7.11 | 6.67 |
| Other Metallic Mfg..... | 275.41 | 276.38 | 246.65 | 43.1 | 43.8 | 40.5 | 6.39 | 6.31 | 6.09 |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing.... | 287.43 | 290.39 | 259.78 | 40.2 | 40.5 | 39.6 | 7.15 | 7.17 | 6.56 |
| Food..... | 311.08 | 309.75 | 291.21 | 41.7 | 41.3 | 40.9 | 7.46 | 7.50 | 7.12 |
| Textiles..... | 233.44 | 233.63 | 207.34 | 39.7 | 39.8 | 38.9 | 5.88 | 5.87 | 5.33 |
| Apparel..... | 186.38 | 182.50 | 166.11 | 35.5 | 35.3 | 35.8 | 5.25 | 5.17 | 4.64 |
| Lumber & Furniture..... | 233.60 | 228.14 | 213.33 | 40.0 | 39.2 | 39.0 | 5.84 | 5.82 | 5.47 |
| Paper..... | 367.49 | 362.15 | 318.86 | 46.4 | 45.9 | 43.8 | 7.92 | 7.89 | 7.28 |
| Printing & Publishing..... | 288.00 | 292.56 | 269.22 | 36.0 | 36.8 | 37.6 | 8.00 | 7.95 | 7.16 |
| Chemicals..... | 351.46 | 363.36 | 317.34 | 41.3 | 42.3 | 41.0 | 8.51 | 8.59 | 7.74 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics..... | 270.27 | 275.46 | 253.60 | 41.2 | 41.8 | 40.0 | 6.56 | 6.59 | 6.34 |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg..... | 318.85 | 315.03 | 270.41 | 42.4 | 42.4 | 40.3 | 7.52 | 7.43 | 6.71 |
| Construction..... | 459.80 | 459.27 | 406.16 | 38.0 | 37.8 | 37.4 | 12.10 | 12.15 | 10.86 |

# UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

| | August 1981 Number | August 1981 Ratio to Labor Force | July 1981 Number | July 1981 Ratio to Labor Force | August 1980 (R) Number | August 1980 (R) Ratio to Labor Force |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| State Totals*-Actual..... | 100,200 | 6.3 | 101,600 | 6.3 | 103,700 | 6.4 |
| Seasonally Adjusted.... | | (6.5) | | (6.1) | | (6.4) |
| Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted) | | | | | | |
| Ansonia..... | 1,500 | 9.4 | 1,600 | 9.9 | 1,900 | 10.6 |
| Bridgeport..... | 11,800 | 6.1 | 12,100 | 6.2 | 13,200 | 6.6 |
| Bristol..... | 2,900 | 8.2 | 2,900 | 8.0 | 4,300 | 11.5 |
| Danbury..... | 5,000 | 5.5 | 5,500 | 5.9 | 5,000 | 5.7 |
| Danielson..... | 2,700 | 9.1 | 2,600 | 9.0 | 3,100 | 10.3 |
| Hartford..... | 23,300 | 6.0 | 22,200 | 5.7 | 20,400 | 5.3 |
| Meriden..... | 2,700 | 10.0 | 2,400 | 9.1 | 2,900 | 10.9 |
| Middletown..... | 3,600 | 6.0 | 3,600 | 5.9 | 3,300 | 5.5 |
| New Britain..... | 6,000 | 7.8 | 5,400 | 7.1 | 6,500 | 8.4 |
| New Haven..... | 13,400 | 6.7 | 13,900 | 6.9 | 13,300 | 6.4 |
| New London-Norwich..... | 6,600 | 6.1 | 6,900 | 6.4 | 7,000 | 6.4 |
| Norwalk..... | 3,300 | 4.3 | 3,600 | 4.7 | 3,800 | 4.9 |
| Stamford..... | 4,700 | 3.9 | 4,800 | 3.9 | 4,700 | 3.9 |
| Torrington..... | 3,500 | 8.4 | 3,600 | 8.6 | 3,300 | 7.8 |
| Waterbury..... | 7,800 | 7.3 | 9,200 | 8.5 | 9,600 | 8.6 |
| Willimantic..... | 1,400 | 5.9 | 1,300 | 5.4 | 1,400 | 6.1 |
| U.S. Total-Actual..... | 7,758,000 | 7.2 | 7,934,000 | 7.3 | 8,011,000 | 7.5 |
| Seasonally Adjusted | | (7.2) | | (7.0) | | (7.6) |

*State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

| | Aug. '81 | July '81 | Aug. '80 |
|---|---|---|---|
| All Items..... | 276.5 | 274.4 | 249.4 |
| Percent Change From.... | xxx | + 0.8 | +10.9 |

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area | August'81 | July'81 | August'80(R) | Percent Change to August 1981 from: July'81 | August'80 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ANSONIA | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 8,130 | 8,270 | 8,540 | - 1.7 | - 4.8 |
| Manufacturing | 2,980 | 3,110 | 3,290 | - 4.2 | - 9.4 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 5,150 | 5,160 | 5,250 | - 0.2 | - 1.9 |
| BRIDGEPORT | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 170,180* | 171,040 | 170,820* | - 0.5 | - 0.4 |
| Manufacturing | 66,830- | 66,820 | 64,640 | + 0.1 | + 3.4 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 103,350* | 104,220 | 106,180* | - 0.8 | - 2.7 |
| BRISTOL | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 23,330 | 23,500 | 23,090 | - 0.7 | + 1.0 |
| Manufacturing | 10,070 | 10,200 | 10,200 | - 1.3 | - 1.3 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 13,260 | 13,300 | 12,890 | - 0.3 | + 2.9 |
| DANBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 65,320* | 65,420 | 63,190 | - 0.2 | + 3.4 |
| Manufacturing | 22,100 | 22,220 | 20,830 | - 0.5 | + 6.1 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 43,220* | 43,200 | 42,360 | + 0.1 | + 2.0 |
| DANIELSON | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 19,890 | 19,790 | 19,480 | + 0.5 | + 2.1 |
| Manufacturing | 9,380 | 9,400 | 8,990 | - 0.2 | + 4.3 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 10,510 | 10,390 | 10,490 | + 1.2 | + 0.2 |
| HARTFORD | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 393,910* | 397,260 | 392,500* | - 0.8 | + 0.4 |
| Manufacturing | 93,850 | 95,480 | 95,990* | - 1.7 | - 2.2 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 300,060* | 301,780 | 296,510* | - 0.6 | + 1.2 |
| MERIDEN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 21,170 | 21,390 | 20,750* | - 1.0 | + 2.0 |
| Manufacturing | 5,600 | 5,630 | 5,490* | - 0.5 | + 2.0 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 15,570 | 15,760 | 15,260 | - 1.2 | + 2.0 |
| MIDDLETOWN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 46,420 | 46,670 | 46,170* | - 0.5 | + 0.5 |
| Manufacturing | 14,950 | 15,260 | 15,650* | - 2.0 | - 4.5 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 31,470 | 31,410 | 30,520* | + 0.2 | + 3.1 |
| NEW BRITAIN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 64,090 | 63,630 | 62,870* | + 0.7 | + 1.9 |
| Manufacturing | 28,860 | 28,310 | 28,390* | + 1.9 | + 1.7 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 35,230 | 35,320 | 34,480 | - 0.3 | + 2.2 |
| NEW HAVEN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 188,560* | 189,000* | 192,630 | - 0.2 | - 2.1 |
| Manufacturing | 38,530* | 38,910* | 42,150 | - 1.0 | - 8.6 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 150,030* | 150,090 | 150,480 | - 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| NEW LONDON-NORWICH | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 94,590* | 93,720 | 93,560 | + 0.9 | + 1.1 |
| Manufacturing 1 | 34,900 | 34,830 | 34,940 | + 0.2 | - 0.1 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 59,690* | 58,890 | 58,620 | + 1.4 | + 1.8 |
| NORWALK | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 63,800 | 63,830 | 62,250 | - 0.1 | + 2.5 |
| Manufacturing | 21,480 | 21,430 | 20,680 | + 0.2 | + 3.9 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 42,320 | 42,400 | 41,570 | - 0.2 | + 1.8 |

## AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area | August'81 | July'81 | August'80(R) | Percent Change to August 1981 from: July'81 | August'80 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| STAMFORD | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 111,480 | 111,530* | 107,780 | - 0.1 | + 3.4 |
| Manufacturing | 31,120 | 31,200* | 31,220 | - 0.3 | - 0.3 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 80,360 | 80,330 | 76,560 | + 0.1 | + 5.0 |
| TORRINGTON | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 28,860 | 28,740 | 29,750 | + 0.4 | - 3.0 |
| Manufacturing | 10,120 | 10,120 | 10,400 | 0.0 | - 2.7 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 18,740 | 18,620 | 19,350 | + 0.6 | - 3.2 |
| WATERBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 88,300 | 87,930 | 88,600* | + 0.4 | - 0.3 |
| Manufacturing | 32,730 | 32,220 | 32,620* | + 1.6 | + 0.3 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 55,570 | 55,710 | 55,980 | - 0.3 | - 0.7 |
| WILLIMANTIC | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 17,580 | 17,550 | 17,370 | + 0.2 | + 1.2 |
| Manufacturing | 3,010 | 2,980 | 2,940 | + 1.0 | + 2.4 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 14,570 | 14,570 | 14,430 | 0.0 | + 1.0 |

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

## EARNINGS AND HOURS AND LABOR MARKET AREA - AUGUST 1981

### MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

| | Average Weekly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Aug.'81 | Jul.'81 | Aug.'80 | Aug.'81 | Jul.'81 | Aug.'80 | Aug.'81 | Jul.'81 | Aug.'80 |
| Ansonia | $381.94 | $381.60 | $329.10 | 45.2 | 45.7 | 41.5 | $8.45 | $8.35 | $7.93 |
| Bridgeport | 334.65 | 341.91 | 307.65 | 42.2 | 42.9 | 41.8 | 7.93 | 7.97 | 7.36 |
| Bristol | 362.07 | 367.16 | 318.63 | 40.5 | 41.3 | 39.0 | 8.94 | 8.89 | 8.17 |
| Danbury | 310.59 | 308.42 | 282.08 | 43.5 | 43.5 | 43.0 | 7.14 | 7.09 | 6.56 |
| Danielson | 254.51 | 258.02 | 224.91 | 38.1 | 38.8 | 35.7 | 6.68 | 6.65 | 6.30 |
| Hartford | 334.14 | 328.86 | 323.94 | 41.1 | 40.5 | 42.4 | 8.13 | 8.12 | 7.64 |
| Meriden | 285.65 | 284.96 | 258.00 | 41.1 | 41.6 | 40.0 | 6.95 | 6.85 | 6.45 |
| Middletown | 326.00 | 319.56 | 306.80 | 40.0 | 39.5 | 40.0 | 8.15 | 8.09 | 7.67 |
| New Britain | 323.18 | 331.57 | 297.34 | 41.7 | 42.4 | 40.9 | 7.75 | 7.82 | 7.27 |
| New Haven | 302.76 | 303.75 | 282.98 | 40.1 | 40.5 | 40.6 | 7.55 | 7.50 | 6.97 |
| New London-Norwich | 318.00 | 315.99 | 294.46 | 39.9 | 40.1 | 39.9 | 7.97 | 7.88 | 7.38 |
| Norwalk | 328.70 | 328.50 | 307.80 | 44.6 | 45.0 | 45.0 | 7.37 | 7.30 | 6.84 |
| Stamford | 296.84 | 298.19 | 276.75 | 41.0 | 41.3 | 41.0 | 7.24 | 7.22 | 6.75 |
| Torrington | 242.90 | 241.08 | 214.89 | 41.1 | 41.0 | 39.0 | 5.91 | 5.88 | 5.51 |
| Waterbury | 272.90 | 267.73 | 242.79 | 41.6 | 41.0 | 40.6 | 6.56 | 6.53 | 5.98 |
| Willimantic | 257.98 | 263.16 | 268.94 | 42.5 | 43.0 | 45.2 | 6.07 | 6.12 | 5.95 |

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

# CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| | Employment Nonag. (Thous.) | | New Hire Rate Manufacturing | | Av. Weekly Initial Claims | | Rate Total Unemployment | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. |
| 1980 | | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 1409.8 | 1427.6 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 7301 | 5213 | 6.1 | 5.5 |
| Feb.... | 1405.9 | 1429.8 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 4513 | 4843 | 5.7 | 5.2 |
| Mar.... | 1418.1 | 1436.3 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 3752 | 4641 | 5.6 | 5.2 |
| Apr.... | 1427.6 | 1425.5 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 5179 | 5708 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| May.... | 1435.9 | 1424.8 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 4807 | 6444 | 5.6 | 5.8 |
| Jun.... | 1441.8 | 1416.5 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 6289 | 7154 | 6.4 | 6.3 |
| Jul.... | 1415.6 | 1424.9 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 9917 | 6382 | 6.8 | 6.5 |
| Aug.... | 1406.0 | 1420.6 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 6643 | 6956 | 6.4 | 6.4 |
| Sep.... | 1422.1 | 1417.6 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 4175 | 6639 | 5.8 | 6.4 |
| Oct.... | 1428.9 | 1421.7 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 4256 | 6129 | 5.5 | 6.1 |
| Nov.... | 1436.8 | 1424.1 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 4464 | 5739 | 5.5 | 6.0 |
| Dec.... | 1443.6 | 1426.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 9094 | 5285 | 5.8 | 6.0 |
| 1981 | | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 1421.5 | 1438.8 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 7433 | 5305 | 7.1 | 5.9 |
| Feb.... | 1420.6 | 1445.2 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 4533 | 4864 | 6.8 | 5.9 |
| Mar.... | 1428.6 | 1447.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 4055 | 5019 | 6.2 | 6.0 |
| Apr.... | 1432.6 | 1429.7 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 4644 | 5120 | 5.8 | 6.0 |
| May.... | 1441.4 | 1430.0 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 3941 | 5282 | 5.3 | 5.8 |
| Jun.... | 1450.6 | 1425.0 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 5786 | 6582 | 6.0 | 5.9 |
| Jul.... | 1427.9 | 1436.5 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 8374 | 5389 | 6.3 | 6.1 |
| Aug.... | 1419.3 | 1433.6 | 1.9(P) | 1.6(P) | 5877 | 6154 | 6.3 | 6.5 |
| Sep.... | | | | | | | | |
| Oct.... | | | | | | | | |
| Nov.... | | | | | | | | |
| Dec.... | | | | | | | | |

| | Personal Income Millions | New Auto Registrations | | Average Work-Week Hours | | Mfg. Output (1967=100) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Seasonally Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. |
| 1980 | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 2672.8 | 8969 | 10175 | 42.6 | 42.4 | 121.1 | 116.6 |
| Feb.... | 2702.4 | 8265 | 10125 | 42.2 | 42.3 | 120.6 | 116.8 |
| Mar.... | 2706.0 | 13194 | 11325 | 42.2 | 42.1 | 121.9 | 116.9 |
| Apr.... | 2686.4 | 9931 | 10155 | 41.9 | 42.2 | 121.2 | 118.1 |
| May.... | 2696.9 | 9875 | 8903 | 41.8 | 42.0 | 120.0 | 116.8 |
| Jun.... | 2704.1 | 9868 | 8274 | 41.6 | 41.7 | 118.8 | 114.5 |
| Jul.... | 2747.7 | 9564 | 8646 | 41.3 | 41.6 | 100.5 | 113.1 |
| Aug.... | 2766.3 | 9916 | 8937 | 41.3 | 41.8 | 100.4 | 113.4 |
| Sep.... | 2786.4 | 9781 | 12069 | 41.3 | 41.4 | 116.2 | 114.2 |
| Oct.... | 2799.0 | 13032 | 12248 | 41.5 | 41.4 | 117.4 | 114.9 |
| Nov.... | 2810.3 | 8060 | 10056 | 42.0 | 41.6 | 120.2 | 116.1 |
| Dec.... | 2842.3 | 10979 | 11423 | 42.3 | 41.6 | 110.3 | 116.9 |
| 1981 | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 2888.1 | 9052 | 10275 | 42.1 | 41.9 | 119.7 | 115.2 |
| Feb.... | 2900.4 | 7491 | 9180 | 41.8 | 41.9 | 117.1 | 113.4 |
| Mar.... | 2917.3 | 11387 | 9774 | 41.8 | 41.7 | 120.3 | 115.5 |
| Apr.... | 2890.5 | 12979 | 13271 | 41.5 | 41.8 | 119.3 | 116.2 |
| May.... | 2906.6 | 9161 | 8328 | 41.6 | 41.8 | 119.3 | 116.1 |
| Jun.... | 2923.3 | 9387 | 7868 | 41.8 | 41.9 | 121.4 | 117.0 |
| Jul.... | 2943.5 | 9219 | 8335 | 41.4 | 41.7 | 104.0 | 117.1 |
| Aug.... | 2966.9 | 9888 | 8908 | 41.3 | 41.8 | 104.7 | 118.3 |
| Sep.... | | | | | | | |
| Oct.... | | | | | | | |
| Nov.... | | | | | | | |
| Dec.... | | | | | | | |

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P. JOSEPH PERARO
COMMISSIONER

October 1981

Employment increased, unemployment was lower and personal income of state residents continued to rise to another monthly high in September, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: The addition of 13,000 persons in non-agricultural jobs in September boosted employment to 1,432,300, a 10,200 gain from last year (Page 2). The monthly increase was evenly divided between manufacturing, with workers returning from vacation closings, and such non-manufacturing categories as transportation and government which reflected the reopening of schools. Employment was higher in each of the 16 labor market areas (Pages 5 & 6).

Earnings of factory workers increased by 57-cents to a weekly average of $317.34 (Page 3). This was $19.98 above the September 1980 weekly pay. Adjusted to a straight-time, 40-hour workweek, hourly wages rose nine cents to $7.47 or $298.80 weekly last month, a $22 gain (8%) over the past year. Ansonia production workers earned the highest weekly wage in September, followed by Bristol, Bridgeport and Hartford (Page 6).

Unemployment: Statewide unemployment dropped by 4,100 to 96,100 in September and the rate moved from August's 6.3 percent to 6 percent (Page 4). Seasonally adjusted, the rate was up two-tenths of a percent to 6.7. Both the unadjusted and adjusted Connecticut unemployment rates continued well below comparable national figures of 7.3 and 7.5 respectively. Lower unemployment was recorded in 12 labor market areas, it was unchanged in two and higher in two. Unemployment estimates include those persons receiving benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and persons entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Factors: Personal income of state residents reached a new high in September when actual figures showed higher employment, improvement in manufacturing output, and lower unemployment and weekly filings for benefits (Page 7).

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A summary of a recent wage survey for Connecticut conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics follows the regular tables on page 8.

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# C O N N E C T I C U T  N O N A G R I C U L T U R A L  E M P L O Y M E N T

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

September 1981

| | Sept. 1981 | Aug. 1981 | Sept. (R) 1980 | % Change Sept.'81 over Aug. '81 | % Change Sept.'81 over Sept.'80 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Nonag. Employment..... | 1,432,300* | 1,419,300* | 1,422,100* | + 0.9 | + 0.7 |
| Manufacturing..... | 435,800 | 429,300* | 435,800* | + 1.5 | 0.0 |
| Metallic Manufacturing.... | 316,600 | 310,500* | 318,400* | + 2.0 | - 0.6 |
| Primary Metals..... | 20,600 | 20,400 | 20,000 | + 1.0 | + 3.0 |
| Fabricated Metals..... | 64,600 | 63,900 | 64,200 | + 1.1 | + 0.6 |
| Machinery, Ex. Elec..... | 59,800 | 60,500 | 61,000 | - 1.2 | - 2.0 |
| Electrical Equipment..... | 51,900 | 51,500 | 50,600 | + 0.8 | + 2.6 |
| Transportation Equip..... | 84,200 | 79,700 | 88,000* | + 5.6 | - 4.3 |
| Instruments & Clocks..... | 27,700 | 27,000* | 26,500 | + 2.6 | + 4.5 |
| Other Metallic Mfg..... | 7,800 | 7,500 | 8,100 | + 4.0 | - 3.7 |
| Nonmetallic Mfg..... | 119,200 | 118,800 | 117,400* | + 0.3 | + 1.5 |
| Food..... | 12,400 | 12,700 | 12,600 | - 2.4 | - 1.6 |
| Textiles..... | 8,100 | 8,100 | 8,000 | 0.0 | + 1.3 |
| Apparel..... | 11,800 | 11,600 | 10,700 | + 1.7 | + 10.3 |
| Furniture & Lumber..... | 6,600 | 6,600 | 6,800 | 0.0 | - 2.9 |
| Paper..... | 9,900 | 9,900 | 9,600 | 0.0 | + 3.1 |
| Printing & Publishing.... | 24,300 | 24,300 | 24,000* | 0.0 | + 1.3 |
| Chemicals..... | 19,200 | 19,100 | 18,700 | + 0.5 | + 2.7 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plast..... | 13,500 | 13,400 | 13,900* | + 0.7 | - 2.9 |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg.... | 13,400 | 13,100 | 13,100 | + 2.3 | + 2.3 |
| Nonmanufacturing..... | 996,500* | 990,000* | 986,300* | + 0.7 | + 1.0 |
| Construction..... | 52,300* | 53,400* | 51,100 | - 2.1 | + 2.3 |
| Transp. (Inc. R.R.)..... | 31,100 | 28,500 | 32,600 | + 9.1 | - 4.6 |
| Communications..... | 18,400 | 18,500 | 17,900 | - 0.5 | + 2.8 |
| Utilities..... | 11,200 | 11,300 | 11,100 | - 0.9 | + 0.9 |
| Trade..... | 300,000 | 297,200 | 301,300* | + 0.9 | - 0.4 |
| Wholesale..... | 75,000 | 75,000 | 74,500* | 0.0 | + 0.7 |
| Retail..... | 156,800 | 155,600 | 159,700 | + 0.8 | - 1.8 |
| Restaurants..... | 68,200 | 66,600 | 67,100 | + 2.4 | + 1.6 |
| Finance & Real Estate.... | 47,800 | 48,400 | 45,600 | - 1.2 | + 4.8 |
| Insurance..... | 62,600 | 62,900 | 59,700 | - 0.5 | + 4.9 |
| Service..... | 298,600 | 297,900 | 288,900* | + 0.2 | + 3.4 |
| Hotels..... | 5,800 | 7,300 | 6,300 | - 20.6 | - 7.9 |
| Laundries & Pers. Serv.. | 13,900 | 13,800 | 13,900 | + 0.7 | 0.0 |
| Health Services..... | 99,400 | 98,400 | 95,900* | + 1.0 | + 3.6 |
| Law & Professional..... | 20,600 | 20,700 | 19,900 | - 0.5 | + 3.5 |
| Other Services..... | 158,900 | 157,700 | 152,900 | + 0.8 | + 3.9 |
| Government..... | 174,500 | 171,900 | 178,100 | + 1.5 | - 2.0 |
| Federal..... | 21,700 | 21,900* | 21,500 | - 0.9 | + 0.9 |
| State & Local..... | 152,800 | 150,000 | 156,600 | + 1.9 | - 2.4 |

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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# E A R N I N G S  A N D  H O U R S  -  S E P T E M B E R  1 9 8 1

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Sept. 1981 | Aug. 1981 | Sept. 1980 | Sept. 1981 | Aug. 1981 | Sept. 1980 | Sept. 1981 | Aug. 1981 | Sept. 1980 |
| Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers) | $317.34 | $316.77 | $297.36 | 41.0 | 41.3 | 41.3 | $7.74 | $7.67 | $7.20 |
| Metallic Manufacturing..... | 328.75 | 327.76 | 309.74 | 41.3 | 41.7 | 41.8 | 7.96 | 7.86 | 7.41 |
| Primary Metals..... | 372.37 | 360.80 | 334.84 | 43.4 | 42.8 | 42.6 | 8.58 | 8.43 | 7.86 |
| Fabricated Metals..... | 304.68 | 305.41 | 276.97 | 42.2 | 42.3 | 41.4 | 7.22 | 7.22 | 6.69 |
| Machinery..... | 350.67 | 357.38 | 331.78 | 42.3 | 42.8 | 42.7 | 8.29 | 8.35 | 7.77 |
| Electrical Equipment..... | 263.97 | 262.75 | 240.78 | 40.3 | 40.8 | 40.4 | 6.55 | 6.44 | 5.96 |
| Transportation Equipment.... | 384.40 | 373.28 | 364.11 | 40.0 | 39.5 | 41.9 | 9.61 | 9.45 | 8.69 |
| Instruments and Clocks..... | 307.30 | 311.18 | 278.46 | 42.8 | 43.4 | 42.0 | 7.18 | 7.17 | 6.63 |
| Other Metallic Mfg..... | 272.95 | 275.41 | 252.56 | 41.8 | 43.1 | 41.2 | 6.53 | 6.39 | 6.13 |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing.... | 288.15 | 287.43 | 265.06 | 40.3 | 40.2 | 40.1 | 7.15 | 7.15 | 6.61 |
| Food..... | 303.69 | 311.08 | 301.26 | 40.6 | 41.7 | 41.9 | 7.48 | 7.46 | 7.19 |
| Textiles..... | 238.17 | 233.44 | 219.78 | 40.3 | 39.7 | 40.4 | 5.91 | 5.88 | 5.44 |
| Apparel..... | 185.64 | 186.38 | 170.39 | 35.7 | 35.5 | 36.1 | 5.20 | 5.25 | 4.72 |
| Lumber & Furniture..... | 237.96 | 233.60 | 217.49 | 40.4 | 40.0 | 39.4 | 5.89 | 5.84 | 5.52 |
| Paper..... | 370.30 | 367.49 | 324.85 | 46.0 | 46.4 | 44.5 | 8.05 | 7.92 | 7.30 |
| Printing & Publishing..... | 295.20 | 288.00 | 273.67 | 36.9 | 36.0 | 37.8 | 8.00 | 8.00 | 7.24 |
| Chemicals..... | 347.68 | 351.46 | 320.58 | 41.0 | 41.3 | 41.1 | 8.48 | 8.51 | 7.80 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics..... | 275.98 | 270.27 | 262.34 | 41.5 | 41.2 | 40.8 | 6.65 | 6.56 | 6.43 |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg..... | 313.32 | 318.85 | 275.93 | 42.0 | 42.4 | 41.0 | 7.46 | 7.52 | 6.73 |
| Construction..... | 434.88 | 459.80 | 441.39 | 35.5 | 38.0 | 39.2 | 12.25 | 12.10 | 11.26 |

# U N E M P L O Y M E N T  I N  C O N N E C T I C U T  B Y  A R E A

| | Sept. 1981 Number | Sept. 1981 Ratio to Labor Force | Aug. 1981 Number | Aug. 1981 Ratio to Labor Force | Sept. 1980(R) Number | Sept. 1980(R) Ratio to Labor Force |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| State Totals*-Actual..... | 96,100 | 6.0 | 100,200 | 6.3 | 92,800 | 5.8 |
| Seasonally Adjusted | | (6.7) | | (6.5) | | (6.4) |
| Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted) | | | | | | |
| Ansonia..... | 1,500 | 9.1 | 1,500 | 9.4 | 1,600 | 9.1 |
| Bridgeport..... | 11,700 | 6.0 | 11,800 | 6.1 | 11,800 | 5.9 |
| Bristol..... | 2,800 | 8.1 | 2,900 | 8.2 | 3,600 | 9.7 |
| Danbury..... | 5,300 | 5.8 | 5,000 | 5.5 | 4,900 | 5.5 |
| Danielson..... | 2,600 | 9.0 | 2,700 | 9.1 | 2,500 | 8.5 |
| Hartford..... | 21,700 | 5.6 | 23,300 | 6.0 | 19,400 | 5.0 |
| Meriden..... | 2,300 | 8.8 | 2,700 | 10.0 | 2,200 | 8.5 |
| Middletown..... | 3,300 | 5.5 | 3,600 | 6.0 | 2,900 | 4.8 |
| New Britain..... | 5,300 | 6.8 | 6,000 | 7.8 | 4,700 | 6.1 |
| New Haven..... | 13,000 | 6.5 | 13,400 | 6.7 | 12,200 | 5.9 |
| New London-Norwich..... | 6,500 | 6.1 | 6,600 | 6.1 | 6,500 | 6.0 |
| Norwalk..... | 3,300 | 4.3 | 3,300 | 4.3 | 3,300 | 4.4 |
| Stamford..... | 5,100 | 4.2 | 4,700 | 3.9 | 4,800 | 4.0 |
| Torrington..... | 3,100 | 7.6 | 3,500 | 8.4 | 2,900 | 7.0 |
| Waterbury..... | 7,400 | 6.9 | 7,800 | 7.3 | 8,400 | 7.6 |
| Willimantic..... | 1,200 | 4.9 | 1,400 | 5.9 | 1,100 | 4.5 |
| U.S. Total-Actual..... | 7,687,000 | 7.3 | 7,758,000 | 7.2 | 7,464,000 | 7.1 |
| Seasonally Adjusted | | (7.5) | | (7.2) | | (7.4) |

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

| | Sept. '81 | Aug. '81 | Sept. '81 |
|---|---|---|---|
| All Items..... | 279.3 | 276.5 | 251.7 |
| Percent Change From.... | xxx | + 1.0 | +11.0 |

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area | Sept.'81 | Aug.'81 | Sept.'80(R) | Percent Change to Sept.'81 from: Aug.'81 | Sept.'80 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ANSONIA | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 8,360 | 8,130 | 8,790 | + 2.8 | - 4.9 |
| Manufacturing | 2,980 | 2,980 | 3,240 | 0.0 | - 8.0 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 5,380 | 5,150 | 5,550 | + 4.5 | - 3.1 |
| BRIDGEPORT | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 173,410 | 170,180* | 173,020 | + 1.9 | + 0.2 |
| Manufacturing | 66,930 | 66,830 | 64,900 | + 0.1 | + 3.1 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 106,480 | 103,350* | 108,120 | + 3.0 | - 1.5 |
| BRISTOL | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 23,450 | 23,330 | 23,580 | + 0.5 | - 0.6 |
| Manufacturing | 9,800 | 10,070 | 10,380 | - 2.7 | - 5.6 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 13,650 | 13,260 | 13,200 | + 2.9 | + 3.4 |
| DANBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 66,110 | 65,320* | 64,330 | + 1.2 | + 2.8 |
| Manufacturing | 21,910 | 22,100 | 21,110 | - 0.9 | + 3.8 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 44,200 | 43,220* | 43,220 | + 2.3 | + 2.3 |
| DANIELSON | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 20,310 | 19,890 | 20,020 | + 2.1 | + 1.4 |
| Manufacturing | 9,490 | 9,380 | 9,160 | + 1.2 | + 3.6 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 10,820 | 10,510 | 10,860 | + 2.9 | - 0.4 |
| HARTFORD | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 400,770* | 393,910* | 400,000 | + 1.7 | + 0.2 |
| Manufacturing | 96,800 | 93,850 | 99,740 | + 3.1 | - 2.9 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 303,970* | 300,060* | 300,260 | + 1.3 | + 1.2 |
| MERIDEN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 21,390 | 21,170 | 21,060* | + 1.0 | + 1.6 |
| Manufacturing | 5,710 | 5,600 | 5,740* | + 2.0 | - 0.5 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 15,680 | 15,570 | 15,320 | + 0.7 | + 2.3 |
| MIDDLETOWN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 47,260 | 46,420 | 46,660* | + 1.8 | + 1.3 |
| Manufacturing | 15,470 | 14,950 | 15,910* | + 3.5 | - 2.8 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 31,790 | 31,470 | 30,750* | + 1.0 | + 3.4 |
| NEW BRITAIN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 65,700 | 64,090 | 64,880* | + 2.5 | + 1.3 |
| Manufacturing | 29,600 | 28,860 | 29,670* | + 2.6 | - 0.2 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 36,100 | 35,230 | 35,210 | + 2.5 | + 2.5 |
| NEW HAVEN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 193,540 | 188,560* | 195,600 | + 2.6 | - 1.1 |
| Manufacturing | 39,200 | 38,530* | 42,470 | + 1.7 | - 7.7 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 154,340 | 150,030* | 153,130 | + 2.9 | + 0.8 |
| NEW LONDON-NORWICH | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 95,130* | 94,590* | 94,630 | + 0.6 | + 0.5 |
| Manufacturing | 35,270 | 34,900 | 35,580 | + 1.1 | - 0.9 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 59,860* | 59,690* | 59,050 | + 0.3 | + 1.4 |
| NORWALK | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 64,060 | 63,800 | 62,380 | + 0.4 | + 2.7 |
| Manufacturing | 21,610 | 21,480 | 20,710 | + 0.6 | + 4.3 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 42,450 | 42,320 | 41,670 | + 0.3 | + 1.9 |

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area | Sept.'81 | Aug.'81 | Sept.'80(R) | Percent Change to Sept.'81 from: Aug.'81 | Sept.'80 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| STAMFORD | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 112,020 | 111,480 | 109,170 | + 0.5 | + 2.6 |
| Manufacturing | 30,790 | 31,120 | 31,260 | - 1.1 | - 1.5 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 81,230 | 80,360 | 77,910 | + 1.1 | + 4.3 |
| TORRINGTON | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 29,240 | 28,860 | 29,520 | + 1.3 | - 0.9 |
| Manufacturing | 10,210 | 10,120 | 10,330 | + 0.9 | - 1.2 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 19,030 | 18,740 | 19,190 | + 1.5 | - 0.8 |
| WATERBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 89,140 | 88,300 | 88,930 | + 1.0 | + 0.2 |
| Manufacturing | 33,270 | 32,730 | 33,050 | + 1.6 | + 0.7 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 55,870 | 55,570 | 55,880 | + 0.5 | - 0.1 |
| WILLIMANTIC | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 19,530 | 17,580 | 19,410 | +11.1 | + 0.6 |
| Manufacturing | 2,950 | 3,010 | 2,980 | - 2.0 | - 1.0 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 16,580 | 14,570 | 16,430 | +13.8 | + 0.9 |

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA - SEPTEMBER 1981

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

| | Average Weekly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Sept.'81 | Aug.'81 | Sept.'80 | Sept.'81 | Aug.'81 | Sept.'80 | Sept.'81 | Aug.'81 | Sept'80 |
| Ansonia | $364.65 | $381.94 | $328.64 | 42.9 | 45.2 | 41.6 | $8.50 | $8.45 | $7.90 |
| Bridgeport | 339.58 | 334.65 | 313.12 | 42.5 | 42.2 | 42.2 | 7.99 | 7.93 | 7.42 |
| Bristol | 362.71 | 362.07 | 320.26 | 40.8 | 40.5 | 39.2 | 8.89 | 8.94 | 8.17 |
| Danbury | 306.59 | 310.59 | 292.60 | 42.7 | 43.5 | 44.0 | 7.18 | 7.14 | 6.65 |
| Danielson | 256.32 | 254.51 | 234.38 | 38.2 | 38.1 | 37.5 | 6.71 | 6.68 | 6.25 |
| Hartford | 332.51 | 334.14 | 321.86 | 40.6 | 41.1 | 41.8 | 8.19 | 8.13 | 7.70 |
| Meriden | 284.90 | 285.65 | 258.95 | 40.7 | 41.1 | 39.9 | 7.00 | 6.95 | 6.49 |
| Middletown | 329.60 | 326.00 | 314.65 | 40.0 | 40.0 | 40.6 | 8.24 | 8.15 | 7.75 |
| New Britain | 324.90 | 323.18 | 312.91 | 41.6 | 41.7 | 42.4 | 7.81 | 7.75 | 7.38 |
| New Haven | 302.04 | 302.76 | 287.99 | 39.9 | 40.1 | 41.2 | 7.57 | 7.55 | 6.99 |
| New London-Norwich | 329.25 | 318.00 | 305.86 | 40.9 | 39.9 | 41.0 | 8.05 | 7.97 | 7.46 |
| Norwalk | 328.70 | 328.70 | 311.88 | 44.6 | 44.6 | 45.2 | 7.37 | 7.37 | 6.90 |
| Stamford | 292.98 | 296.84 | 280.98 | 40.3 | 41.0 | 41.2 | 7.27 | 7.24 | 6.82 |
| Torrington | 238.80 | 242.90 | 220.57 | 40.0 | 41.1 | 39.6 | 5.97 | 5.91 | 5.57 |
| Waterbury | 269.93 | 272.90 | 245.43 | 41.4 | 41.6 | 40.5 | 6.52 | 6.56 | 6.06 |
| Willimantic | 264.02 | 257.98 | 268.94 | 43.0 | 42.5 | 45.2 | 6.14 | 6.07 | 5.95 |

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

# CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| | Employment Nonag. (Thous.) | | New Hire Rate Manufacturing | | Av. Weekly Initial Claims | | Rate Total Unemployment | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. |
| 1980 | | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 1409.8 | 1427.6 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 7301 | 5213 | 6.1 | 5.5 |
| Feb.... | 1405.9 | 1429.8 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 4513 | 4843 | 5.7 | 5.2 |
| Mar.... | 1418.1 | 1436.3 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 3752 | 4641 | 5.6 | 5.2 |
| Apr.... | 1427.6 | 1425.5 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 5179 | 5708 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| May.... | 1435.9 | 1424.8 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 4807 | 6444 | 5.6 | 5.8 |
| Jun.... | 1441.8 | 1416.5 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 6289 | 7154 | 6.4 | 6.3 |
| Jul.... | 1415.6 | 1424.9 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 9917 | 6382 | 6.8 | 6.5 |
| Aug.... | 1406.0 | 1420.6 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 6643 | 6956 | 6.4 | 6.4 |
| Sep.... | 1422.1 | 1417.6 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 4175 | 6639 | 5.8 | 6.4 |
| Oct.... | 1428.9 | 1421.7 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 4256 | 6129 | 5.5 | 6.1 |
| Nov.... | 1436.8 | 1424.1 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 4464 | 5739 | 5.5 | 6.0 |
| Dec.... | 1443.6 | 1426.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 9094 | 5285 | 5.8 | 6.0 |
| 1981 | | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 1421.5 | 1438.8 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 7433 | 5305 | 7.1 | 5.9 |
| Feb.... | 1420.6 | 1445.2 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 4533 | 4864 | 6.8 | 5.9 |
| Mar.... | 1428.6 | 1447.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 4055 | 5019 | 6.2 | 6.0 |
| Apr.... | 1432.6 | 1429.7 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 4644 | 5120 | 5.8 | 6.0 |
| May.... | 1441.4 | 1430.0 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 3941 | 5282 | 5.3 | 5.8 |
| Jun.... | 1450.6 | 1425.0 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 5786 | 6582 | 6.0 | 5.9 |
| Jul.... | 1427.9 | 1436.5 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 8374 | 5389 | 6.3 | 6.1 |
| Aug.... | 1419.3 | 1433.6 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 5877 | 6154 | 6.3 | 6.5 |
| Sep.... | 1432.3 | 1428.0 | 1.8(P) | 1.5(P) | 3896 | 6194 | 6.0 | 6.7 |
| Oct.... | | | | | | | | |
| Nov.... | | | | | | | | |
| Dec.... | | | | | | | | |

| | Personal Income Millions | New Auto Registrations | | Average Work-Week Hours | | Mfg. Output (1967=100) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Seasonally Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. |
| 1980 | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 2672.8 | 8969 | 10175 | 42.6 | 42.4 | 121.1 | 116.6 |
| Feb.... | 2702.4 | 8265 | 10125 | 42.2 | 42.3 | 120.6 | 116.8 |
| Mar.... | 2706.0 | 13194 | 11325 | 42.2 | 42.1 | 121.9 | 116.9 |
| Apr.... | 2686.4 | 9931 | 10155 | 41.9 | 42.2 | 121.2 | 118.1 |
| May.... | 2696.9 | 9875 | 8903 | 41.8 | 42.0 | 120.0 | 116.8 |
| Jun.... | 2704.1 | 9868 | 8274 | 41.6 | 41.7 | 118.8 | 114.5 |
| Jul.... | 2747.7 | 9564 | 8646 | 41.3 | 41.6 | 100.5 | 113.1 |
| Aug.... | 2766.3 | 9916 | 8937 | 41.3 | 41.8 | 100.4 | 113.4 |
| Sep.... | 2786.4 | 9781 | 12069 | 41.3 | 41.4 | 116.2 | 114.2 |
| Oct.... | 2799.0 | 13032 | 12248 | 41.5 | 41.4 | 117.4 | 114.9 |
| Nov.... | 2810.3 | 8060 | 10056 | 42.0 | 41.6 | 120.2 | 116.1 |
| Dec.... | 2842.3 | 10979 | 11423 | 42.3 | 41.6 | 110.3 | 116.9 |
| 1981 | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 2888.1 | 9052 | 10275 | 42.1 | 41.9 | 119.7 | 115.2 |
| Feb.... | 2900.4 | 7491 | 9180 | 41.8 | 41.9 | 117.1 | 115.4 |
| Mar.... | 2917.3 | 11387 | 9774 | 41.8 | 41.7 | 120.3 | 115.5 |
| Apr.... | 2890.5 | 12979 | 13271 | 41.5 | 41.8 | 119.3 | 116.2 |
| May.... | 2906.6 | 9161 | 8328 | 41.6 | 41.8 | 119.3 | 116.1 |
| Jun.... | 2923.3 | 9387 | 7868 | 41.8 | 41.9 | 121.4 | 117.0 |
| Jul.... | 2943.5 | 9219 | 8335 | 41.4 | 41.7 | 104.0 | 117.1 |
| Aug.... | 2966.9 | 9888 | 8908 | 41.3 | 41.8 | 104.7 | 118.3 |
| Sep.... | 2977.0 | 8120 | 10025 | 41.0 | 41.1 | 119.3 | 117.2 |
| Oct.... | | | | | | | |
| Nov.... | | | | | | | |
| Dec.... | | | | | | | |

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AREA WAGE SURVEY
CONNECTICUT - MARCH 1981

The table which follows shows findings of a Connecticut wage survey conducted in March 1981 by the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. The sample was drawn from Connecticut business establishments employing 50 or more people and from industries which include manufacturing; transportation, communications and other public utilities; wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance and real estate; and selected services. Data collected in this sample of 289 establishments employing 198,050 workers was projected to represent workers in all establishments within the scope of the survey.

Occupational classification was based on a uniform set of job descriptions designed to take account of variations in job duties among establishments. Roman numerals were used to designate the level of skill required to perform the job. A set of job descriptions used in the survey is available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 1603 John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Government Center, Boston, MA. 02203.

The survey reveals that the five highest paid occupations, in descending order, were tractor-trailer truck drivers, electronic technicians III, maintenance pipefitters, tool and die makers and drafters V. These five occupations earned a mean wage of over $9.00 per hour and were held mainly by male workers. At the other end of the pay scale where workers earned a mean hourly wage of less than $5.00 per hour, there was a split between the sexes with typist and file clerk occupations heavily dominated by women, while guards, janitors, porters and cleaners were mainly men.

Those occupational categories showing the biggest over-the-year advancement in mean hourly wages were: maintenance pipefitters, up 14 percent to $9.43 per hour; maintenance carpenters, up 13 percent to $8.68 per hour; and boiler tenders, up 13 percent to $8.08 per hour. Categories making the least progress up the wage scale were: guards, up just four percent to $4.38 per hour followed at some distance by truck drivers (light-truck), up eight percent to $5.29 per hour.

A more detailed survey for the Hartford Metropolitan Area, including hourly and weekly earnings and paired pay relationships for selected occupations can be obtained by sending a check for $2.50 payable to the Superintendent of Documents to:

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**Table 1. Hourly earnings[1] of selected occupations in Connecticut, March 1981**

| Occupation | Number of workers | | | Hourly earnings (all workers)[2] | | | Number of workers receiving straight-time hourly earnings (in dollars) of — | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | All | Men | Women | Mean | Median | Middle range | 3.30 and under 3.50 | 3.50 – 3.90 | 3.90 – 4.30 | 4.30 – 4.70 | 4.70 – 5.10 | 5.10 – 5.50 | 5.50 – 5.90 | 5.90 – 6.30 | 6.30 – 6.70 | 6.70 – 7.10 | 7.10 – 7.50 | 7.50 – 7.90 | 7.90 – 8.30 | 8.30 – 8.70 | 8.70 – 9.30 | 9.30 – 9.90 | 9.90 – 10.50 | 10.50 – 11.10 | 11.10 – 11.70 | 11.70 and over |
| Secretaries | 11,221 | 10 | 11,126 | 7.34 | 7.16 | 6.36– 8.21 | – | 1 | 26 | 101 | 274 | 503 | 804 | 905 | 1447 | 1240 | 1325 | 1118 | 887 | 686 | 733 | 607 | 305 | 127 | 60 | 72 |
| Secretaries I | 525 | 1 | 524 | 5.89 | 5.85 | 5.25– 6.49 | – | – | 8 | 22 | 83 | 64 | 96 | 90 | 70 | 39 | 23 | 27 | 2 | 1 | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Secretaries II | 1,267 | – | 1,267 | 6.47 | 6.50 | 5.71– 7.32 | – | 1 | 15 | 18 | 66 | 135 | 186 | 135 | 226 | 102 | 187 | 65 | 116 | 5 | 10 | – | – | – | – | – |
| Secretaries III | 3,865 | 3 | 3,812 | 7.05 | 6.93 | 6.41– 7.60 | – | – | 3 | 24 | 29 | 101 | 208 | 372 | 781 | 639 | 592 | 504 | 226 | 123 | 159 | 57 | 35 | 4 | – | 6 |
| Stenographers | 746 | – | 224 | 6.22 | 6.22 | 5.47– 6.91 | – | – | 4 | 12 | 92 | 83 | 121 | 81 | 141 | 53 | 65 | 49 | 45 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Stenographers I | 456 | – | 171 | 5.72 | 5.66 | 5.17– 6.24 | – | – | 4 | 11 | 80 | 80 | 104 | 72 | 86 | 13 | 4 | 1 | 1 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Typists | 2,150 | 3 | 1,805 | 4.94 | 4.80 | 4.33– 5.47 | – | 173 | 337 | 480 | 361 | 262 | 198 | 144 | 91 | 57 | 24 | 3 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Typists I | 1,249 | 2 | 1,083 | 4.62 | 4.50 | 4.19– 4.99 | – | 164 | 267 | 356 | 204 | 120 | 67 | 41 | 28 | – | – | 2 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Typists II | 901 | 1 | 722 | 5.39 | 5.31 | 4.78– 5.95 | – | 9 | 70 | 124 | 177 | 142 | 131 | 103 | 63 | 57 | 24 | 1 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| File clerks | 983 | 61 | 906 | 4.45 | 4.22 | 3.95– 4.84 | 34 | 195 | 318 | 168 | 89 | 94 | 35 | 13 | 32 | – | 2 | 3 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| File clerks I | 557 | 25 | 532 | 4.15 | 4.06 | 3.75– 4.29 | 34 | 173 | 224 | 41 | 22 | 61 | 2 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| File clerks II | 308 | 7 | 290 | 4.57 | 4.52 | 4.13– 4.88 | – | 21 | 91 | 98 | 53 | 21 | 18 | – | 4 | – | – | 2 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| File clerks III | 118 | 29 | 84 | 5.52 | 5.49 | 4.68– 6.50 | – | 1 | 3 | 29 | 14 | 12 | 15 | 13 | 28 | – | 2 | 1 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Switchboard operators | 301 | 1 | 277 | 5.62 | 5.65 | 4.83– 6.15 | 1 | 5 | 20 | 24 | 46 | 47 | 59 | 54 | 18 | – | 2 | 5 | 19 | 1 | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Key entry operators | 2,529 | 80 | 2,384 | 5.31 | 5.31 | 4.57– 5.92 | 29 | 43 | 261 | 427 | 277 | 370 | 449 | 269 | 169 | 136 | 25 | 11 | 19 | 4 | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Key entry operators I | 1,857 | 56 | 1,565 | 5.13 | 5.00 | 4.44– 5.75 | 29 | 43 | 237 | 344 | 190 | 197 | 301 | 136 | 83 | 68 | 8 | 2 | 19 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Key entry operators II | 672 | 4 | 819 | 5.65 | 5.63 | 5.12– 6.23 | – | – | 44 | 83 | 87 | 173 | 148 | 153 | 86 | 68 | 17 | 9 | – | 4 | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Computer operators | 2,071 | 1,100 | 815 | 6.96 | 6.92 | 5.90– 7.80 | – | – | 13 | 31 | 117 | 168 | 190 | 229 | 186 | 230 | 219 | 242 | 144 | 76 | 94 | 49 | 34 | 45 | – | 2 |
| Computer operators I | 787 | 353 | 363 | 6.21 | 5.93 | 5.12– 6.64 | – | – | 13 | 31 | 117 | 123 | 97 | 126 | 87 | 36 | 63 | 22 | 10 | 2 | 14 | 1 | – | 43 | – | – |
| Computer operators II | 1,102 | 659 | 414 | 7.21 | 7.20 | 6.36– 7.83 | – | – | – | – | – | 45 | 93 | 103 | 98 | 167 | 149 | 201 | 106 | 62 | 43 | 27 | 7 | – | – | 1 |
| Computer operators III | 182 | 88 | 38 | 8.58 | 8.64 | 7.63– 9.49 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | 3 | 25 | 7 | 19 | 28 | 12 | 37 | 21 | 27 | 2 | – | 1 |
| Peripheral equipment operators | 156 | 48 | 88 | 5.55 | 5.57 | 4.98– 6.11 | – | 9 | 8 | 5 | 28 | 18 | 38 | 38 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | – | – | – | – | – | – | 1 |
| Computer data librarians | 88 | 28 | 38 | 6.57 | 6.36 | 5.87– 7.37 | – | – | 1 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 18 | 3 | 13 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 2 | – | 3 | – | – | – |
| Drafters | 2,057 | 1,733 | 220 | 7.62 | 7.79 | 6.55– 8.77 | – | – | 2 | 39 | 94 | 28 | 90 | 142 | 168 | 248 | 120 | 148 | 234 | 214 | 285 | 143 | 60 | 35 | 5 | 2 |
| Drafters I | 7 | 6 | 1 | 5.32 | 4.86 | – – | – | – | – | 2 | 2 | – | – | 3 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Drafters II | 205 | 171 | 26 | 5.31 | 5.26 | 4.75– 5.62 | – | – | 2 | 37 | 62 | 23 | 32 | 26 | 10 | 13 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Drafters III | 569 | 471 | 58 | 6.84 | 6.70 | 6.43– 7.44 | – | – | – | – | 29 | 4 | 31 | 42 | 146 | 151 | 28 | 36 | 63 | 14 | 25 | – | – | – | – | – |
| Drafters IV | 791 | 660 | 106 | 7.88 | 7.93 | 7.13– 8.78 | – | – | – | – | – | – | 27 | 70 | 12 | 83 | 90 | 77 | 130 | 83 | 163 | 46 | 9 | 1 | – | – |
| Drafters V | 480 | 420 | 27 | 9.14 | 9.03 | 8.53– 9.75 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | 2 | 34 | 41 | 117 | 97 | 97 | 51 | 34 | 5 | 2 |
| Electronics technicians | 1,441 | 1,016 | 133 | 8.37 | 8.08 | 7.33– 9.16 | – | – | – | – | – | 2 | 22 | 75 | 94 | 96 | 226 | 163 | 122 | 178 | 110 | 103 | 35 | 32 | 179 | 4 |
| Electronics technicians I | 55 | 37 | 3 | 7.15 | 6.79 | 6.79– 7.35 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | 9 | 4 | 26 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | – | – | – | – |
| Electronics technicians II | 756 | 567 | 130 | 7.56 | 7.33 | 6.73– 8.20 | – | – | – | – | – | 2 | 22 | 66 | 80 | 66 | 220 | 77 | 39 | 92 | 14 | 57 | 20 | 1 | – | – |
| Electronics technicians III | 630 | 412 | – | 9.46 | 8.89 | 8.10–11.46 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | 10 | 4 | 3 | 85 | 81 | 84 | 92 | 42 | 15 | 31 | 179 | 4 |
| Maintenance carpenters | 221 | 179 | – | 8.68 | 9.14 | 8.07– 9.38 | – | – | – | – | – | 23 | – | – | – | 4 | 1 | 11 | 19 | 39 | 61 | 17 | 40 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Maintenance electricians | 1,097 | 954 | 1 | 9.27 | 9.12 | 8.43–10.15 | – | – | – | – | – | – | 23 | – | – | 1 | 53 | 20 | 123 | 174 | 240 | 79 | 223 | 96 | 10 | 58 |
| Maintenance painters | 178 | 136 | 3 | 8.27 | 8.31 | 7.36– 9.38 | – | – | – | – | – | – | 3 | – | 29 | 3 | 22 | 4 | 17 | 36 | 4 | 58 | – | – | – | 2 |
| Maintenance machinists | 826 | 825 | 1 | 8.65 | 8.71 | 8.43– 8.98 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | 6 | 30 | 36 | 32 | 308 | 332 | 81 | 3 | – | – | – |
| Maintenance mechanics (machinery) | 1,497 | 1,373 | 12 | 9.02 | 8.81 | 7.82– 9.66 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | 2 | 94 | 9 | 4 | 276 | 43 | 52 | 542 | 124 | 220 | 19 | – | 112 |
| Maintenance mechanics (motor vehicles) | 838 | 817 | – | 8.86 | 8.50 | 7.40–10.32 | – | – | – | – | 12 | 2 | 55 | 33 | 19 | 57 | 98 | 41 | 85 | 28 | 85 | 60 | 44 | 18 | 7 | [3]174 |
| Maintenance pipefitters | 328 | 249 | – | 9.43 | 9.14 | 8.49–10.32 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | 1 | 15 | 5 | 32 | 49 | 84 | 6 | 112 | – | – | 24 |
| Tool and die makers | 2,315 | 2,093 | – | 9.39 | 9.26 | 8.62– 9.89 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | 40 | 160 | 93 | 372 | 519 | 582 | 254 | 110 | 121 | 84 |
| Stationary engineers | 132 | 118 | – | 9.01 | 8.50 | 8.31–10.29 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | 1 | 14 | 5 | 12 | 37 | 27 | 1 | 27 | – | 2 | 6 |
| Boiler tenders | 90 | 78 | – | 8.08 | 7.95 | 7.36– 9.03 | – | – | – | – | – | – | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 30 | 3 | 13 | 6 | 20 | 7 | 1 | 1 | – | – |
| Truckdrivers | 4,514 | 4,423 | 27 | 8.92 | 8.57 | 7.05–11.94 | – | 66 | 110 | 82 | 38 | 31 | 136 | 101 | 173 | 571 | 98 | 270 | 83 | 701 | 383 | 183 | 27 | 2 | 118 | [4]1381 |
| Truckdrivers, light truck | 525 | 514 | 8 | 5.29 | 5.48 | 3.95– 6.30 | – | 66 | 92 | 74 | 19 | 12 | 111 | 16 | 36 | 13 | 32 | 47 | 2 | – | 3 | – | – | – | – | – |
| Truckdrivers, medium truck | 785 | 733 | 18 | 8.85 | 7.84 | 6.85–11.94 | – | – | 18 | 8 | 19 | 19 | 1 | 42 | 38 | 134 | 30 | 84 | 31 | 37 | 13 | 11 | 9 | – | – | 291 |
| Truckdrivers, heavy truck | 599 | 598 | 1 | 8.02 | 7.05 | 7.05– 8.57 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | 24 | 89 | 303 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 31 | – | 43 | – | – | – | 102 |
| Truckdrivers, tractor-trailer | 2,185 | 2,158 | – | 9.92 | 9.26 | 8.35–11.94 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | 15 | – | 120 | 34 | 8 | 25 | 633 | 347 | 73 | 18 | – | 118 | 794 |
| Shipping packers | 1,809 | 1,018 | 635 | 5.71 | 5.23 | 4.05– 7.03 | 6 | 233 | 329 | 270 | 45 | 44 | 35 | 17 | 210 | 208 | 183 | 63 | 117 | 2 | – | – | 32 | 35 | – | – |
| Material handling laborers | 3,628 | 3,076 | 124 | 6.11 | 6.26 | 4.00– 7.45 | 613 | 217 | 250 | 126 | 244 | 36 | 105 | 307 | 335 | 299 | 203 | 358 | 235 | – | – | – | – | 158 | – | 142 |
| Forklift operators | 1,617 | 1,460 | 1 | 7.05 | 7.07 | 6.30– 7.99 | – | 95 | – | – | 2 | 4 | 132 | 167 | 309 | 107 | 38 | 249 | 473 | – | 3 | – | 21 | – | – | 17 |
| Guards | 3,884 | 3,194 | 273 | 4.38 | 3.50 | 3.37– 4.86 | 1532 | 878 | 293 | 191 | 84 | 50 | 172 | 95 | 71 | 90 | 194 | 79 | 16 | 133 | 1 | – | – | – | 5 | – |
| Guards I | 3,677 | 3,151 | 266 | 4.18 | 3.50 | 3.37– 4.30 | 1532 | 878 | 293 | 191 | 84 | 50 | 171 | 88 | 61 | 59 | 184 | 78 | 4 | – | – | – | – | – | 5 | – |
| Janitors, porters, and cleaners | 7,177 | 4,838 | 1,725 | 4.43 | 3.75 | 3.45– 4.95 | 1938 | 1942 | 993 | 399 | 162 | 90 | 329 | 265 | 312 | 216 | 392 | 87 | 1 | – | 1 | – | 50 | – | – | – |

[1] Excludes premium pay for overtime and for work on weekends, holidays, and late shifts. Incentive payments, such as those resulting from piecework, production bonuses, and commission systems, are included in the wages reported; nonproduction bonuses are excluded. Cost-of-living allowances are considered as part of the workers' regular pay. Hourly earnings reported for salaried workers are derived from regular salaries divided by the corresponding standard hours of work. The wages of learners, apprentices, and handicapped workers are excluded. The mean is computed for each job by totaling the earnings of all workers and dividing by the number of workers. The median designates position—half of the workers receive the same or more and half receive the same or less than the rate shown. The middle range is defined by two rates of pay; a fourth of the workers earn the same or less than the lower of these rates and a fourth earn the same or more than the higher rate.

[2] Workers were distributed as follows: 136 at $11.70 to $12.30; 35 at $12.30 to $12.90; 1 at $12.90 to $13.50; and 2 at $13.50 to $14.10.

[3] All workers were at $11.70 to $12.30.



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